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**FIELD INSPECTION NOTES OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER, NALGONDA IN INDERGONDA  
RESERVE FOREST ON 14.03.2015**

Today I along with the Forest Range Officer Mirylaguda and his field staff have inspected the location of proposed diversion of forest land for conversion of mud road into RCC road and parking places for the devotees for visiting the temple in Indergonda Reserve Forest block. The proposals for diversion of R.F land for conversion of mud road into RCC road has been submitted by the Asst. Commissioner, Endowment department Nalgonda who is the user agency.

| Name of the Reserve Forest | Legal status  | Area of the forest block as per notification | Area proposed for diversion for conversion of mud road into RCC road |
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| Indergonda                 | Notified u/s.15 of AP Forest Act, 1967 and published in AP gazette no.373 dt.16.04.1344F. | 382.03 Ha                                    | 0.372 ha   |

The forest area is consisting of hillocks with open and moderate growth. The forest type as per Champion & Seth's is Southern dry deciduous scrub forests i.e., 5A/C3/DS1 with a canopy density of 0.1-0.2. The Dominant species in the areas are 1)PalaKodisa(*Holoptilia integrifolia*) 2)Rela(*Casia fistula*) 3)Narlangi(*Albizia amara*), 4)Juvvi 5)Modugu(*Beautia monosperma*) 7)Abnus, 8)Seethapal, 9)Sundra(*Acacia chundra*) etc. The fauna present in these forests areas Hare, Wild boar, etc.,

There is a very old temple existing inside the R.F. area in Sy.No. 206 which is in Comp.No.15 of Indergonda Reserve Forest Block. As per the Endowment department it is about 6000 year old one. Since then people are worshipping. The endowment department has recognized the temple and notified vide Proc.No.J3/32959/91 Dt:01.06.1992 and takenup restoration activities like restoration of Mandapas, restoration Koneru in front of the temple etc, and developmental activities like electricity connection, construction of sheds etc (copies enclosed) around the temple inside the forests. Photographs are enclosed.

As per the notification there exists a right of way (pedestrian track) from Indergonda Village to Sangareddypalem Village. Over a period of time this pedestrian track has been converted into metal road. Most of this road runs through patta lands enters into the forest at point no. 1 & 2 and point no.5 & 6 as per the map enclosed. From this road a mud/gravel road is connecting to the temple which is inside the Reserve Forest. This mud/gravel road existing since long back with sufficient width i.e., more than 6m leads to the temple and people are using it. This mud/gravel road has been passing through the R.F to the extent shown in the map. There is no tree growth required to be felled in the proposed area for diversion for conversion of existing mud/gravel road into RCC road hence no enumeration is carried out.

There are no endanger/rare/unique species of flora and fauna is present in this area. It is not part of any Protected Area. The Endowment department/User agency mentioned that the archaeological department has confirmed that the temple and other existing structures inside the RF are of 6000 years ago.

As per the proposal given by the user agency and as per the requirement mentioned there in there is no alternative land available except the present proposal at the location because the mud/ gravel road is existing since long back. And this is the barest minimum area that is required. No work is started as on date in violation of FC Act 1980

The user agency may be requested to submit the undertakings to implement the following conditions.

1. The user agency may be instructed to erect fencing either side of the road to restrict the people not to enter into the forests.
2. The user agency may be instructed to take measures to restrict the people only for Darshan at the temple and not for any other purpose. People should not be allowed to stay in the nights in the temple area.
3. The user agency may be instructed to take measures that the people should not be allowed to any kind of kindle of fire inside the forests.

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