FIELD / SITE INSPECTION NOTES OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER, KARIMNAGAR WEST OF THE FOREST AREA PROPOSED FOR DIVERSION FOR FORMATION OF ROAD FROM ALMASPUR TO GUNTAPALLY CHERUVU THANDA IN SIRCILLA RANGE ON 25-01-2016.

Inspected the Reserve Forest area proposed for diversion for formation of road from Almaspur to Guntapally Cheruvu Thanda on 25-01-2016 along with the Forest Range Officer, Sircilla and concerned staff, Dy. Executive Engineer, Panchayath Raj Department. The said forest area proposed for diversion for the said non forestry purpose is in Compt. No. 158, 159 & 160/ Almaspur beat / Gollapally Section / Sircilla Range in Sircilla R.F. Block. The said area proposed for diversion is falling in Sircilla Reserve Forest block notified U/s. 15.

The said proposed area for diversion does not form part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere reserve, Tiger reserve, Elephant Corridor etc., No rare / endangered / unique species of flora and fauna are found in the forest area proposed for diversion. There are no protected Archaeological / Heritage site / defence establishment or any other important monument in the forest area proposed for diversion. The requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency in col.2 of Part-I is noticed unavoidable and barest minimum for the project.

It is an already existing old road. The total length of the proposed road is 2.309 Kms and width is 10 Mtrs., It connects the Yellareddipet - Veernapally Road to Guntapally Cheruvu Thanda. Trees are noticed existing only towards either sites of the proposed area for diversion for said road. The average density of vegetation is about 0.2 as taken by the densiometer.

The photographs of the portion with good forest growth is as follows:





The major flora existing are Tectona grandis, Cassia fistula, Dalbergia paniculato, Diospyros melanoxylon, Madhuca latifolia, Boswellia serrata, Sterculia urens, Terminalia arjuna, Cleistanthus collinus, Butea monosperma, Syzygium cumini, Holoptelea integrifolia, etc.

The major fauna in the said area are *Panthera pardus* (Panther), *Melursus ursines* (Sloth Bear), *Hysterix indica* (Porcupine), *Lepus nigricollis* (Hare), *Axis axis* (Spotted Deer), *Sus scropha* (Wild Boar), *Pavo cristatus* (Indian Peafowl), *Glaucidium radiatum* (Jungle Owlet), *Terpsiphone paradise* (Paradise Flycatcher) etc.

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