FIELD INSPECTION NOTES OF S.SARAVANAN, IFS., CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS & FIELD DIRECTOR, PROJECT TIGER CIRCLE, SRISAILAM IN ATMAKUR WLM DIVISION ON 13.06.2016

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Proceeded to Atmakur Division and inspected the forest area proposed for formation of BT road from Kapileswaram to Sangameswaram temple in Compartment no.775 of Musalimadugu Beat, Musalimadugu Section of Atmakur Range. The RF is Guvvalakuntla -A RF. The DFO Atmakur and their staff accompanied. It is proposed to form BT road from Kapileswaram to Sangameswaram along the bank of river Krishna. The user agency is Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Department, Kurnool District. The average width of the proposed road is 12.84 mts and the proposed length is 1.58 Kms. The total forest area required for formation of BT road from Kapileswaram to Sangameswaram temple is 2.03 Ha. The said area is around 26 Kms away from Rajiv Gandhi Wildlife Sanctuary and 13 Kms away from Buffer area of Nagarjunasagar Srisailam Tiger Reserve. Movement of wild animals like Panther, Sloth bear, Spotted deer, wild boar, Peafowls are reported in and around these areas. Azadirachta indica, Terminalia tomentosa, Acacia sundra, Albezia amara, Wrightia tinctoria are found in this area. Number of pilgrims visit the temple throughout the year particularly during holidays, Karthika month and Sivarathri festival. In the temple area lot of garbage is being generated and there is no mechanism for proper disposal of the plastics and polythene.

If the proposal is considered, the following mitigation measures are suggested that are to be carried out by the user agency.

- Adequate number of speed breakers, ramblers and signages are to be laid on the road to minimize the speed of vehicles and to prevent accidents.
- b) Display boards on wildlife conservation are to be placed along the proposed road.
- c) Adequate number of Dust bins along the road and at the temple premises should be arranged by the user agency.

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