

Field Inspection Note of Sri JSN Murthy, I.F.S., Chief conservator of Forests Rajahmundry Circle, Rajamahendravaram on the Inspection of the area proposed for diversion in KONDAPALLY RF of Kondapally section in Vijayawada Range of Krishna Division taken up on 8.11.2017

Accompanied by Mr P.J.Benerji, the Divisional Forest Officer, Krishna, Mr. R.V.Prasad, Forest Range Officer, Vijayawada, Forest Section Officer of Kanchikacherla (Mr B.Lenin Kumar) and Kondapally (Mrs M.Kalyani) sections and their field staff, today i.e., 8.11.2017 I visited the Forest area proposed for diversion in Kondapally RF for the non forestry purpose. The area proposed for diversion by the User Agency namely AP Capital Region Development Authority, Vijayawada in Kondapally RF was shown to me by the above officers who had accompanied me during my visit. The UA has proposed for diversion a total forest area of **890.43** Ha at (3) patches in this Kondapally RF block for the purpose of development of Centres for Sports, Physical Training and Agri Tourism under Capital City infrastructure Development projects. Kondapally RF block is one of the oldest Forest blocks in the division, notified under section 15 of the Madras Forest Act (Vth of 1882) and it was notified vide Notification No. 308 dated 24.6.1892. The total extent of the forest block including the Extension area is **9137.19** Ha. Its topography is mostly hilly with gentle slopes and the type of soil is BC soil. The type of Forests in this block as per the records is southern dry mixed deciduous forests with a density ranging from 0.6 to 0.7. In the past, the area in this Forest block was reported to be worked for Bamboo and fuel wood. Apart from this major produce, there were many MFP lease units in this area for the collection of MFP such as Tamarind, Nuxvomica, Barks, Gums, broom grass etc., But since there is no working in the recent past and due to the active involvement and participation of Vana Samrakshana Samithies in the management and protection of the Forests in this block, there is a drastic reduction in the biotic pressure on these forests resulting a substantial improvement in the density of the forests growth. But at the same time, it appears that there is decline in the wildlife population in this block mainly due to the disturbances caused by mining in the surrounding Non forest hilly areas. However as on date the Forest growth in this block is luxuriant, rich in bio

diversity and consisting of the varied flora and fauna. The flora in the block especially in the proposed patches consists of the predominant species such as *Azadirachta indica*, *Tamarindus indica*, *Acacia leucophloea*, *chloroxylon switenia*, *Cassia fistula*, *Accacia sundra*, *Grewia telifolia*, *Santalum album*, *Strychnus nuxvomica*, *Strychnus potatorum*, *Zizyphus jujube*, *Albizia odorantisima*, *Dalbergia paniculata*, *Ailanthus excels*, *Wrightia tinctoria*, *Morinda tinctoria*, *Lansea coromandalica* etc., There are variety of fruit plants and shrubs which support the Avifauna. The important fauna present in this block as informed by the local field staff and VSS chairmen are Spotted Deer (*Axis axis*), Sambar (*Rusa unicolor*), Konda Gorre (*Muntiacus muntjak*), Porcupine, Wild boar (*Sus scrofa*), Hare (*Oryctolagus Cuniculus*), Mongoose (*Herpestidae*), Pea cock (*Pavo cristatus*), Python (*Pythonide*) Ant eater (*Vermi lingua*) etc., However since the UA proposes to develop specific social and economic activities for the development of the Capital area in the forest area proposed for diversion, and more over there is no other suitable alternate area available as reported by the UA, and also keeping in view the overall welfare of the residuary state of Andhra Pradesh, the State Forest Department may need to sacrifice the forest areas along with the forest growth at 3 patches located in the following compartments.

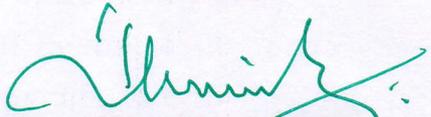
Patch No	Area in Ha	Compt No	Beat	Section	VSS concerned	Remarks
I	354.96	26, 28	Mulapadu	Kachikacherla	Trilochana Puram VSS	Plain area all along and on either side of Mullapadu - G.Konduru track

II	300.87	20 24, 25	Duggiralapa du Kondapally	Kondapally	Kondapally VSS	-do- Very rich in Bamboo
III	234.59	17, 18	Jujjuru	Kachikacherla	Rangapuram VSS	Area proposed is all along the foot hills locally known as Jujjuru durgam and Tahsil bodu.

The DFO Krishna shall take meticulous care in assessing the value of the loss that is going to be occurred due to the diversion of the Forest areas having good number of plantations and Natural bamboo clumps. Since the VSS members will be deprived of the benefits from the Forests that are proposed to be diverted, their livelihood needs also be taken care while raising the demand for NPV, Extraction cost etc.,

As informed by the field staff, the Forest area proposed for diversion is not located in any protected Archeological/Heritage site/Defense establishment site/ other important monument. It is also informed that there are no rare / endangered species of Flora and Fauna in the area

The DFO Krishna is requested to acknowledge the receipt of this reference and report compliance.


Chief Conservator of Forests,
Rajahmundry Circle,
Rajamahendravaram

8/11/2017

PART – III

(To be filled up by Conservator of Forests)

14	Whether site, where the forest land involved in Yes/No case is located has been inspected by concerned Conservator of Forests ?. If yes, the date of inspection & observations made in the form of inspection note to be enclosed.	Yes. Inspected the area proposed for diversion on 08.11.2017 and inspection note is enclosed.
15	Whether the concerned Conservator of Forests agrees with the information given in part-B and the recommendations of Dy. Conservator of Forests.	Yes, Agreed.
16	Specific recommendations of concerned Conservator of Forests for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with detailed reasons.	Recommendations made by the Divisional Forest Officer, Krishna Division, Vijayawada may be agreed.

Signature

Name (J.S.N.MURTHY)

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Date : 13.11.2017

Place : Rajamahendravaram