

**Field Inspection notes of Sri T. Chakrapani, M.Sc., Ed., Divisional Forest Officer, Chittoor West Division, Chittoor on Road area applied by National Highways Authority of India, New Delhi on 31.08.2017.**

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Inspected the proposed Road expansion/ widening area applied by National Highways Authority of India, New Delhi in compt. Nos.271, 272 & 273 of Pathikonda RF & Beat on 31.08.2017 along with the Forest Range Officer, Palamaner, Forest Section Officers, Kolamasanapalle & Palamaner and beat staff. This is the work proposed by the National Highways Authority of India, New Delhi for up gradation of NH-4 Road from KM 133/360 to 216/975 i.e., Chennai – Chittoor – Bangalore from two lane to four laning in the State of Andhra Pradesh. The user agency stated that the total length of the road is 83.615 Kms and out of which approximately 16.000 Km falls in Basavapalle, Tekumanda, Palamaner, Nagamangalam Thopu & Pathikonda Reserve Forests in three bits (Bit-I : 0.50 Km, Bit-II : 6.50 Km & Bit-III : 9.00 Kms). Out of three bits Bit-III & II are inspected by me and during the inspection no violation is noticed in the applied area

**Bit-III :: Pathikonda RF**

This road connecting to Karnataka Border from Palamaner town on NH.4 from Km 197/200 to 216/975 in Chittoor District. The user agency has demarcated applied road area of 8.15 Ha in ten bits which lies on left & right side of road leading towards Karnataka border. The terrain consists of gentle slope & undulating and thorny growth all over. The area is surrounded by scrub jungle all around and there are no water bodies in the area proposed for diversion. It is noticed that there are no historical, religious, archeological or recreational sites etc., in or close to the proposed area. The area does not fall in any Wild Life Sanctuary and National Park. There will be no impact of proposed project on the flora & fauna in the adjoining forests and also ecology, especially soil erosion in and around the proposed area.

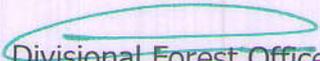
**Bit-II :: Palamaner RF**

This road connecting to Palamaner town from Mogili Village in Bangarupalem (M) on NH.4 from Km 185 to 190 in Chittoor District. The user agency has demarcated applied road area of 11.48 Ha in eleven bits which lies on left & right side of road leading towards Palamaner town. The terrain consists of gentle slope & undulating

and thorny growth all over. The area is surrounded by scrub jungle all around and there are no water bodies in the area proposed for diversion. It is noticed that there are no historical, religious, archeological or recreational sites etc., in or close to the proposed area. But, this area falls adjacent to KWLS and is notified as Rayala Elephant Reserve vide GO Ms.No. 106, EFS&T(For.III), Dept., dt.09.12.2003 which represents for Elephant Corridor. The present road is about 4-5 Kms away from the boundary of KWLS. There will be no impact of proposed project on the flora & fauna in the adjoining forests and also ecology, especially soil erosion in and around the proposed area.

The area is already having BT road and having 22 yards right of way all over the length and having ~~good~~<sup>Tree</sup> growth of on both sides. The main tree species is Eucalyptus, Bamboo, Tamarind, Tella thumma, Pongamia (Kanuga), Azadarichta indica (Neem), Albezzia amara (Chigara), Syzizyum cuminii (Neredu), Albezzia lebbeck, Acacia auriculoform, Cassia siamea, Maddi, Tapasi, etc., The under growth consists of mainly lantana & other weeds and there is no Wild fauna seen. The density of vegetation is approximately below 0.3 (ocular).

The details of area involved for diversion i.e., RF/ Compt. Wise / bit wise extents are appended.

  
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