

**Site Inspection Report of Proposed Diversion of 2.55 ha
Forest land for Upgradation of NH-67 from Mydukur to
Dornala "T" Junction to two lane with paved shoulders in the
State of Andhra Pradesh under NHDP-IV.**


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Inspected the 2.55 ha forest area proposed for diversion in Gopavaram RF, Compt. No. 322 & 323 of Ramapuram & Valleruvaripalli Beats of Badvel Range for Upgradation of NH-67 from KM 638/000 to 640/600 under the captioned project "upgradation of NH-67 from KM 589/000 to 641/000 i.e., from P. P. Kunta to Dornala "T" Junction to two lane with Paved shoulders" in favour of Executive Engineer, R & B, NH Division, Kadapa on 29-08-2017 along with the Assistant Engineer, R & B, NH Division, Kadapa. The Forest Range Officer, Badvel and the concerned staff were also present during the inspection.

The proposed area is plain and hilly terrain. The soil is Red soil. The length of the road existing in the Gopavaram Forest Block as per the block history is 3.2 Km. The width of the road is not mentioned in the Block history and the road is described as Badvel-Nellore Metalled road. As per the field inspection on 29.08.2017 it is observed that Road is existing with width of 10.00 mts on the ground. There is no vegetation except thorny bushes in the proposed area for diversion. There is no fauna in the proposed area, but prevalence of fauna in the adjoining forest area is evident as per the reports of field staff.

Further there are no endangered, rare and unique species of flora and fauna in the proposed area for diversion. There are no defence establishments or any other important monuments located in the area and does not form part of any National Park / Wildlife Sanctuary. But the proposed diversion area is falling in proposed Eco-sensitive Zone of 10 Km distance (deemed as per online condition) from Sri Peninsula Narasimha Wildlife Sanctuary boundary and there is no impact on flora.

The user agency has already widened the road forming paved shoulders to a width of 5.00 Mts on either sides of existing road of width 10.00 Mts to a length of nearly 2.00 Kms. The paved shoulders were filled with imported soil brought from adjoining areas of Gopavaram Reserve Forest by digging pits which is clear indication of violation of AP Forest Conservation Act, 1980. Subsequently the road work was stopped. Now the length of the road in the forest land proposed for diversion is 2.60 Km, with paved shoulders on either sides of existing road with width of 5.00 mts each. As per the authentication of DGPS Survey the area proposed for diversion is 2.55 Ha. Notices to the user agency were already issued for the violation of Forest Conservation Act 1980.


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