

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

Letter No.2922/Section-II/2022/1919419

Dated:21.12.2022

From
The Special Chief Secretary to Government
EFS&T Department,
A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi,
Amaravati-522503.

To
The Inspector General of Forests (Central),
Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,
Integrated Regional Office,
Green House Complex,
Gopal Reddy Road, Vijayawada-520010 (w.e)

Sir,

Sub: EFS&T Dept. – Diversion of 2.24 ha of forest land in compartment no.69, 70 of Arama RF and compartment no.62 of Kuridi RF for rehabilitation and up-gradation to two lane with paved shoulder configuration of Paderu to Araku Section of NH-516E in the State of Andhra Pradesh in favour of Project Director, PIU, Araku – Forest Clearance under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Reg.

Ref: From the PCCF & HoFF, Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15034/51/2020-FCASEC-PCCF/FCA-3, dated:25.11.2022.

I enclose herewith a copy of the reference cited along with statutory proforma proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, submitted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur, for diversion of 2.24 ha of forest land in compartment no.69, 70 of Arama RF and compartment no.62 of Kuridi RF for rehabilitation and up-gradation to two lane with paved shoulder configuration of Paderu to Araku Section of NH-516E in the State of Andhra Pradesh in favour of Project Director, PIU, Araku.

2. In this regard, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, has informed that the User Agency has submitted proposal in PARIVESH portal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 2.24 ha of forest land for rehabilitation and up-gradation to two lane with paved shoulder configuration of Paderu to Araku Section (upto Bhalluguda) of NH-516E in Araku Range, Paderu Division. The user agency has justified that the instant NH development is a part of MoRTH & World Bank's Green National Highway Corridor Projects (GNHCP). The alignment of roads being developed under GNHCP has been retained as existing alignments with minor realignments. As there is no alternative to this road, forest land to an extent of 2.24 ha is required to upgrade the instant road to NH Standards. The user agency has furnished undertakings for payment of CA, NPV, Addl. NPV, tree extraction charges etc. and also furnished RoFR Certificate issued by the District Collector, Alluri Sitharama Raju District, Paderu in the prescribed format for evidences for having initiated and completed the process of settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (RoFR) Act, 2006.

3. Further, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, has informed that in column no. 13 of Part –II, the Divisional Forest Officer, Paderu has "Recommended" the proposal subject to certain conditions in the interest of Forests and Wildlife Conservation. In Part –III, the Chief Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam Circle, Visakhapatnam has agreed with the information furnished by the Divisional Forest Officer, Paderu and Recommended the proposal for diversion of forest land. In Part –IV, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA) & Nodal Officer, Andhra Pradesh has Recommended the proposal for diversion of forest land.

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4. Accordingly, in Part-V, State Government recommends the proposal for diversion of forest land, which is enclosed herewith.

5. I request you to obtain and communicate the approval of the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 2.24 ha of forest land in compartment no.69, 70 of Arama RF and compartment no.62 of Kuridi RF for rehabilitation and up-gradation to two lane with paved shoulder configuration of Paderu to Araku Section of NH-516E in the State of Andhra Pradesh in favour of Project Director, PIU, Araku, at the earliest.

Yours faithfully,


for Special Chief Secretary to Government

Copy to:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force,
Andhra Pradesh, Guntur.

The Project Director, PIU,
Araku, ZP Colony, Near CBM Church,
Araku Valley, Visakhapatnam District.

PART-V

Proposal for diversion of 2.24 ha of forest land in compartment no.69, 70 of Arama RF and compartment no.62 of Kuridi RF for rehabilitation and up-gradation to two lane with paved shoulder configuration of Paderu to Araku Section of NH-516E in the State of Andhra Pradesh in favour of Project Director, PIU, Araku.

18.	Recommendation of the State Government	Recommended
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Signature



Name & Designation

Official Seal

Dr. P.V. CHALAPATHI RAO, I.F.S.,
Special Secretary to Government
Environment, Forests, Science
and Technology Department
A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi - 522238.

Date: 21.12.2022

Place: AMARAVATI