

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

Letter No.1670/Section-II/2023/2177231

Dated:23.08.2023

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,
Regional Office, Chennai (Sub-office at Vijayawada)
Green House Complex,
Gopal Reddy Road, Vijayawada-520010 (w.e)

Sir,

Sub: EFS&T Dept.- Diversion of 1.90 ha of forest land in compartment no.1036 & 1035 of Sileru RL and compartment no.1599 of Chintapalli RF, Chintapalli (erstwhile Narsipatnam) Division for formation and BT to the road including construction of culverts from Chowdupalli to Jerrila of G.K.Veedhi mandal in favour of Executive Engineer, PR (PIU), Visakhapatnam - Forest Clearance under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Reg.

Ref: From the PCCF & HoFF, Lr.Rc.N.EFS02-15034/34/2019/FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, dated 26.07.2023.

I am to inform that the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., in the reference cited, has furnished statutory proforma proposal and online application No.FP/AP/ROAD/416334/2023, seeking prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of forest land in accordance with section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above mentioned project.

2. In this regard, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, has stated that Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj(PIU) Division, Visakhapatnam has uploaded the proposal in PARIVESH portal for diversion of 1.90 ha. of forest land in compartment no.1036 & 1035 of Sileru RF and compartment no.1599 of Chintapalli RF, Chintapalli (erstwhile Narsipatnam) Division for formation of road from Chowdupalli to Jerrila in favour of Executive Engineer, PR(PIU) Division, Visakhapatnam. Accordingly, the Chief Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam has submitted the proposal for diversion of 1.90 ha. of forest land in compartment no.1036 & 1035 of Sileru RF and compartment no.1599 of Chintapalli RF, Chintapalli (erstwhile Narsipatnam) Division for formation of road from Chowdupalli to Jerrila in favour of EE, PR(PIU) Division. Visakhapatnam and processed under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The details of the proposal are as follows:

i) The User Agency has furnished the following information in Part-1.

- Forest area to an extent of 1.90 ha is required in compartment no. 1036 & 1035 of Sileru RF and compartment no. 1599 of Chintapalli RF of Chintapalli (erstwhile Narsipatnam) Division for formation & BT to the road including construction of culverts from Chowdupalli to Jerrila village of G.K. Veedhi mandal in f/o EE, PR(PIU), Visakhapatnam.
- Area required for road = 2533.34 m x 7.50 m. = 19000.05 m (OR) 1.90 ha.

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- The road work sanctioned / approved by Ministry of Rural Development in APRRP programme.
- Cost of the project is mentioned as Rs.654.00 lakh.
- The user agency has justified that, the villagers of Jerrila, Kothapalem, Veeravaram, Vakapalli and Pasuvulabanda to reach the mandal head quarters G.K. Veedhi with shortest path by providing this road. The existing road passes through Reserve Forest area for a length of 2533.34 m. This is only the shortest route for the people of Sex habitations. The buses and commercial vehicles are not plying on this road due to improper geometry and various streams crossing the road. The people are facing lot of problems to meet their needs of Education, Health and Transportation of Agricultural and forest produces etc. Hence, the road is proposed to upgrade to BT standard so as to make the road traffic worthy.
- The user agency has furnished undertakings for payment of NPV, Addl.NPV, CA, tree extraction charges etc.
- The area proposed for diversion is 1.90 ha. Hence, Cost benefit analysis does not arise.
- No human displacement is involved due to construction of this road.
- No loss of public facilities involved in this project.
- Employment likely to be generated is 22000 man days for a period of one year and also indirectly, the nearby habitants are benefited.
- The user agency has stated that, clearance under Environment (Protection) Act. 1986 is not required.

ii) The Divisional Forest Officer, Chintapalli (erstwhile Narsipatnam) Division has submitted the following information in Part-II.

- Forest land to an extent of 1.90 ha. is required in compartment no. 1036 & 1035 of Sileru RL and compartment no.1599 of Chintapalli RF, Chintapalli (erstwhile Narsipatnam) Division for formation and BT to the road including construction of culverts from Chowdupalli to Jerrila of G.K.Veedhi mandal in f/o EE, PR (PIU), Visakhapatnam.
- Legal Status of the forest is Sileru RL is notified under Section-4 of AP. Forest Act, 1967 and Chintapalli RF is notified under section-4 of AP Forest Act, 1967.
- The density of the forest in the nearby vicinity of the proposed road is about 0.7.
- There is 4 nos. of miscellaneous trees existing in the proposed width of the road and the value of the trees is Rs.1,10,201/-.
- No vulnerability of forest area to erosion.
- The proposed road passing through the Reserved forest area.
- No rare/ endangered/unique species of fauna found in the proposed area.
- No protected archaeological heritage sites/defense establishment or any other important monument is located in the area.
- The requirement of forest land proposed by the user agency is un-avoidable and barest minimum for the project.
- The user agency has not violated the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
- The Location map in (S.) Sheet in 1:50,000 scale, authenticated DGPS maps are furnished.

3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, has stated that the user agency has identified non-forest land over an extent of 24.04 ha in field no.147, Aram village of Dumbriguda (M), Paderu Division for compensatory afforestation purpose for the (8) road projects including present proposal. The Divisional Forest Officer, Paderu has prepared the compact CA scheme to an extent of 1.90 ha to improvement programme under ANR model with a financial out lay of 20.67 lakh for a period of 20 years including 10 years of ANR treatment and 10 years of cost of protection commencement from 2024 - 25 to 2043 - 44 as per Rule - 11 of Forest

(Conservation) Rules, 2022. CA Scheme, site inspection report of Divisional Forest Officer, Paderu has been uploaded at Nodal Officer level. The authenticated map and Survey of India map of non-forest land identified for CA in 1:50,000 are uploaded in the web portal.

4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force has further stated that the District Collector, Visakhapatnam District has issued certificate under RoFR Act, 2006, as stipulated by the Ministry of Environment, Forests, Government of India, New Delhi in the Lr.No.11-9/1998-FC (pt), Dt.05.07.2013, in the prescribed format Annexure-1 (Form-1) 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. The certificate is enclosed with the proposal.

5. The Divisional Forest Officer Chintapalli (erstwhile Narsipatnam) "Recommended" the proposal in part-II. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam has agreed with the information furnished by the Divisional Forest Officer, Chintapalli (erst while Narsipatnam) and Recommended the proposal in part-III. The Nodal Officer, office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Mangalagiri has agreed with the information furnished by the Chief Conservator of Forests, and the Divisional Forest Officer, Chintapalli (erstwhile Narsipatnam) Division, recommended in Part-IV for diversion of forest land.

6. I enclose herewith the statutory proforma proposal duly recommending in Part-IV and request you obtain and communicate the approval of Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, RO, Chennai (Sub-office at Vijayawada), for diversion of 1.90 ha of forest land in compartment no.1036 & 1035 of Sileru RL and compartment no.1599 of Chintapalli RF, Chintapalli (erstwhile Narsipatnam) Division for formation and BT to the road including construction of culverts from Chowdupalli to Jerrila of G.K.Veedhi mandal in favour of Executive Engineer, PR (PIU), Visakhapatnam under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, 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, Mangalagiri for information.

The Executive Engineer, PR (PIU), Visakhapatnam for information.
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PART-IV

Proposal for diversion of 1.90 ha of forest land in compartment no.1036 & 1035 of Sileru RL and compartment no.1599 of Chintapalli RF, Chintapalli (erstwhile Narsipatnam) Division for formation and BT to the road including construction of culverts from Chowdupalli to Jerrila of G.K.Veedhi mandal in favour of Executive Engineer, PR (PIU), Visakhapatnam.

18.	Recommendation of the State Government	Recommended
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Signature



Dr. P.V. CHALAPATHI RAO, I.F.S.,
Special Secretary to Government

Name & Designation
Environment, Forests, Science
and Technology Department
A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi - 522238.

Official Seal

Date: 28-08-2023

Place: AMARAVATI