

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

Letter No.2147/Section-II/2022/1841712

Dated:13.10.2022

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 0.76 ha of forest land in Compartment no.743 of Surabhi RF, Rayachoti Range, Kadapa division for widening of road to two lane with paved shoulders between Rayachoty and Vempalli section, newly declared NH-440 from km 0/0 to 53/600 in the State of Andhra Pradesh under EPC mode in favour of Executive Engineer (R&B), NH Division, Kadapa – Forest Clearance under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Reg.

Ref: From the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15034/1/2021-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-1, Dated:09.09.2022.

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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 0.76 ha of forest land in Compartment no.743 of Surabhi RF, Rayachoti Range, Kadapa division for widening of road to two lane with paved shoulders between Rayachoty and Vempalli section, newly declared NH-440 from km 0/0 to 53/600 in the State of Andhra Pradesh under EPC mode in favour of Executive Engineer (R&B), NH Division, Kadapa.

2. I am to inform that the User Agency i.e., Executive Engineer (R&B), NH Division, Kadapa has initiated a proposal in the PARIVISH portal (Unique no. FP/AP/ROAD/150396/2021) on 17.05.2022 seeking prior approval of the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.76 ha of forest land in Compartment no.743 of Surabhi RF, Rayachoti Range, Kadapa division for widening of road to two lane with paved shoulders between Rayachoty and Vempalli section, newly declared NH-440 from km 0/0 to 53/600 in the State of Andhra Pradesh under EPC mode. He has furnished justification stating that the existing road between Rayachoty-Vempalli Section has a BT road with a width of 7 m, which was declared as National Highway. The road is not upto national highway standards and it can't handle increased highway traffic. The road length of 53.60 km is passing through Surabhi RF of Rayachoti Range, YSR Kadapa District. The road is a part and parcel of NH-440 and it needs widening to national highway standards. There is no alternate path for the same. This road will provide good connectivity within the district of Kadapa, more importantly it will provide better connectivity between the newly formed capital of Andhra Pradesh and the southern districts of Andhra Pradesh. He has also furnished RoFR Certificate as required under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in Form-I issued by the District Collector, YSR Kadapa and undertakings to bear the cost of raising and maintenance of compensatory afforestation, payment of NPV and addl.NPV etc.

3. Further, I am to inform that the Divisional Forest Officer, Kadapa Division has recommended the proposal in part-II. The Conservator of Forests, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool has also recommended the proposal in Part-III. The Nodal officer (FCA) has recommended the proposal in Part-IV. The State Government recommends the proposal in Part-V, which is enclosed herewith.

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4. 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 0.76 ha of forest land in Compartment no.743 of Surabhi RF, Rayachoti Range, Kadapa division for widening of road to two lane with paved shoulders between Rayachoty and Vempalli section, newly declared NH-440 from km 0/0 to 53/600 in the State of Andhra Pradesh under EPC mode in favour of Executive Engineer (R&B), NH Division, Kadapa, 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 Executive Engineer (R&B), NH Division,  
Rabindra Nagar, Kadapa- 516003.

### PART-V

Proposal for diversion of 0.76 ha of forest land in Compartment no.743 of Surabhi RF, Rayachoti Range, Kadapa division in for widening of road to two lane with paved shoulders between Rayachoty and Vempalli section, newly declared NH-440 from km 0/0 to 53/600 in the State of Andhra Pradesh under EPC mode in favour of Executive Engineer (R&B), NH Division, Kadapa.

18.	Recommendation of the State Government	Recommended
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Signature

Name & Designation

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

Date: 13-10-2022

Place: AMARAVATI