

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

Letter No.2102/Section-II/2022/1838119

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 5.94 ha of forest land in Nellore division for up-gradation of NH-167 B from Km.58/500 to Km.62/963 i.e., from Porumamilla to Chandrasekhara Puram to two lanes with paved shoulders under NHDP-IV in the State of Andhra Pradesh in favour of Executive Engineer, (R&B) NH Division, Vijayawada – Forest Clearance under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Reg.

Ref: From the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15034/25/2018-FCASEC-PCCF/FCA-3, dated:02.09.2022.

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 5.94 ha of forest land in Nellore division for up-gradation of NH-167 B from Km.58/500 to Km.62/963 i.e., from Porumamilla to Chandrasekhara Puram to two lanes with paved shoulders under NHDP-IV in the State of Andhra Pradesh in favour of Executive Engineer, (R&B) NH Division, Vijayawada.

2. I am to inform that the User Agency i.e., Executive Engineer, (R&B) NH Division, Vijayawada has initiated a proposal in the PARIVESH portal (Unique no. FP/AP//ROAD/33876/2018) seeking prior approval of the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 5.94 ha of forest land in Nellore division for up-gradation of NH-167 B from Km.58/500 to Km.62/963 i.e., from Porumamilla to Chandrasekhara Puram to two lanes with paved shoulders under NHDP-IV in the State of Andhra Pradesh in favour of Executive Engineer, (R&B) NH Division, Vijayawada. He has furnished justification stating that the existing road from Km 58/500 to 62/963 of NH-167 B is passing through Seethampuram RF of Udayagiri Range of Nellore Division in SPSR Nellore District of Andhra Pradesh. There is no other alternative except widening of existing road. Therefore proposal for diversion of 5.94 ha of forest land is required. This road after completion would further improve connectivity in terms of achieving smooth and safe traffic flow and improve level of service. In addition to above, substantial economic gain in terms of reduced Vehicle Operation Cost (VoC) and reduced travel time will be achieved. Further, he has stated that NH-167 B from Km 58/500 to 62/963 is passing through Seethampuram RF (before conversion to NH, this road is a Major District road, no.4809 connecting from Porumamilla to Seethampuram i.e. Km 15/2 to Km 25/2). Since 1968, it was a Bituminous Surface (Black top road) under jurisdiction of PWD (R&B) Nellore Division. The Road Inspection Note Book of P.W.D. (Roads & Buildings) Department, Andhra Pradesh signed by the Executive Engineer, Nellore dated 05.10.74 is attached. Further as per the Road Inspection Note Book, the land width (RoW – Right of Way) was mentioned as 30.0 m. The carriageway width of road is 7.0 m (i.e. 3.70 m B.T + 1.65 m gravel shoulders on both sides). Hence this 7.0 m width was not included in the forest diversion proposal. Only additional 13.0 m for diversion is proposed to have a total width 20 m for executing the NH work. He has also furnished

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the District Collector, SPSR Nellore and undertakings to bear the cost of raising and maintenance of compensatory afforestation, payment of NPV, Addl.NPV and tree extraction charges etc.

3. Further, I am to inform that the District Forest Officer, SPSR Nellore has "Recommended" the proposal in part-II. The Conservator of Forests, Guntur Circle, Guntur has agreed with the information furnished by the District Forest Officer, SPSR Nellore and Recommended the proposal for diversion of forest land in Part-III. In Part -IV, the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA) & Nodal Officer, Andhra Pradesh has recommended the proposal for diversion of forest land. The State Government recommends the proposal in Part-V, which is enclosed herewith.

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 5.94 ha of forest land in Nellore division for up-gradation of NH-167 B from Km.58/500 to Km.62/963 i.e., from Porumamilla to Chandrasekhara Puram to two lanes with paved shoulders under NHDP-IV in the State of Andhra Pradesh in favour of Executive Engineer, (R&B) NH Division, Vijayawada, 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, Vijayawada

PART-V

Proposal for diversion of 5.94 ha of forest land in Nellore division for up-gradation of NH-167 B from Km.58/500 to Km.62/963 i.e., from Porumamilla to Chandrasekhara Puram to two lanes with paved shoulders under NHDP-IV in the State of Andhra Pradesh in favour of Executive Engineer, (R&B) NH Division, Vijayawada.

18.	Recommendation of the State Government	Recommended
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Signature



Name & Designation

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Date: 13-10-2022

Place: AMARAVATI