

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (Sec.II) DEPARTMENT

Letter No.188/Section.II/2022/(1659558)

Dated:25.03.2022

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, Vijayawada,
Green House Complex, Gopal Reddy Road,
Vijayawada-520010 (w.e)

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 13.28 ha of forest land in Compartment No.741 of Pujaripakalu RF and Compartment No.263 of Maredumilli RF, Compartment No.333, 334 and 338 of Kota south-I RF and Compartment No.750 of Tadepalli PF, Kakinada Division for formation of road from Vetukuru road to Siripuram in favour of Executive Engineer, PR (PIU), Kakinada - Proposal submitted under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Reg.

Ref: From the PCCF&HoFF, A.P., Lr. Rc.No.EFS02-15034/65/2020/FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, Dated.25.01.2022.

I enclose herewith a copy of the letter 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 for diversion of 13.28 ha of forest land in Compartment No.741 of Pujaripakalu RF and Compartment No.263 of Maredumilli RF, Compartment No.333, 334 and 338 of Kota south-I RF and Compartment No.750 of Tadepalli PF, Kakinada Division for formation of road from Vetukuru road to Siripuram in favour of Executive Engineer, PR (PIU), Kakinada.

2. I am to inform that the User Agency i.e. Executive Engineer, PR (PIU), Kakinada, has furnished justification stating that the villagers of Vetukuru (627), Maddiveedu (258), Tadepalli (1146), Denduluru (305), D.V. Kota(528), Vydapudi(311), Pedduru(247), Darawada(288), Dorachintalapalem(175), Narasapuram(398) and Siripuram(469) to reach the Mandal head quarters Maredumilli with shortest path by providing this road. The existing road passes through Reserve Forest area for a length of 17706.67 m. This is the only the shortest route for the people of eleven 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 the existing to BT surface, so as to make the road traffic worthy. The requirement of forest land is un-avoidable and barest minimum for the project. The User Agency has identified non-forest land over an extent of 13.71 ha in Upplanka H/o Gurajanapalli village of Karapa Mandal of Kakinada, East Godavari District for CA purpose. The District Forest Officer, Kakinada has prepared CA scheme to an extent of 13.71 ha for raising Compensatory Afforestation with a financial outlay of Rs.78.685 lakh for a period of 12 years including Advance operations, Maintenance of Nurseries and Raising of Plantations commencing from 2022-23 to 2033-34. The User Agency has furnished undertakings for payment of NPV, Addl. NPV, CA, tree extraction charges and also for avenue plantations etc. The District Collector, East Godavari District has issued necessary certificates under Scheduled Tribes & Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006. The proposal has been uploaded in the Ministry's website and unique file No. FP/AP/ROAD/109163/2020 has been generated for this proposal. The concerned District

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Forest Officer, the Chief Conservator of Forests and the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, have recommended the proposal for diversion of 10.18 ha of forest land and not recommended for diversion of 3.10 ha as the road formation may be vulnerable to soil erosion, adversely impact ecological balance and leads to destruction of Teak Plantations present in surrounding areas and it is possible to smuggle the valuable timber species including Ganja from the three (3) ranges i.e. Rampachodavaram, Sudikonda and Addathigala. The recommendation of the State Government in proforma proposal in Part-V is enclosed herewith.

3. I request you to obtain and communicate the approval of Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 10.18 ha of forest land Compartment No.333, 334 and 338 of Kota south-I RF and Compartment No.263 of Maredumilli RF, in Compartment No.741 of Pujaripakalu RF and Compartment No.750 of Tadepalli PF, Kakinada Division for formation of road from Vetukuru road to Siripuram in favour of Executive Engineer, PR (PIU), Kakinada, at an early date.

Yours faithfully,

N. Jagadeeswaru
for Special Chief Secretary to Government

Copy to:

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

The Executive Engineer, PR (PIU), Kakinada.

PART-V

(To be filled in by the Secretary in charge of Forest Department or by any other authorized officer of the State Government not below the rank of an Under Secretary)

18. Recommendation of the State Government:-

(Adverse comments made by any officer or authority in Part-B or Part-C or Part-D above should be specifically commented upon)

(Letter No.188/Section.II/2022, Dated.25.03.2022 for diversion of 13.28 ha of forest land in Compartment No.741 of Pujaripakalu RF and Compartment No.263 of Maredumilli RF, Compartment No.333, 334 and 338 of Kota south-I RF and Compartment No.750 of Tadepalli PF, Kakinada Division for formation of road from Vetukuru road to Siripuram in favour of Executive Engineer, PR (PIU), Kakinada)

“Recommended to consider the proposal for diversion of 10.18 ha of forest land to widen the road in Compartment No.333, 338 of Kota south-I RF & Compartment No.750 of Tadepalli PF and Not recommended to widen the road to an extent of 3.10 Ha of in Compartment No.334 of Kota south-I RF in Sudikonda Range, Compartment No.741 of Pujaripakalu RF and Compartment No.263 of Maredumilli RF of Rampachodavaram Range for formation road from Vetukuru road to Siripuram in favour of Executive Engineer, PR (PIU), Kakinada.”

Signature

Name & Designation
(Official Seal)

Date: 25-03-2022

Place: Amaravati

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