



**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

Rc.no. 2561/2018-D1,  
Dated.26.11.2019.

Office of the Conservator of Forests,  
Rajahmundry Circle,Rajamahendravaram.

From  
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To  
The Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests,  
(Head of Forest Force),  
Andhra Pradesh,  
Aranya Bhavan,  
K.M.Munshi Road,Guntur-522004.

Sir,

**Sub:** APFD-F(C) Act, 1980 - Proposal for diversion of 7.420 ha forest land for formation of road from Perikivalasa to Bhimudigedda of Y.Ramavaram (Upper) Mandal in Kakinada Division of East Godavari District in favour of Executive Engineer, Tribal Welfare Division, Rampachodavaram - Proposals under FC Act,1980 submission of - Reg.

**Ref:** 1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh., Guntur Rc.no.EFS02-15034/21/2018-FCA- SEC PCCF/FCA-3, dt.11.10.2018.  
2. DFO, Kakinada Rc.no.5130/2018-D1, dt.11.01.2019.

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It is submitted that in the reference 1<sup>st</sup> cited the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P, Guntur issued instructions to the District Forest Officer, Kakinada to critically examine the requirement of forest land and after satisfying the requirement of forest land for the said project is unavoidable, examine the proposals in totality carryout the site inspection and submit proposals under F.C.Act along with Part-II information, enumeration of trees to be felled and field inspection notes. The District Forest Officer, Kakinada has submitted proposals in the reference 2<sup>nd</sup> cited. The District Forest Officer, Kakinada has inspected the Project site on 29.12.2018 and 08.01.2019. The following are observed during her inspection:

The proposed area is passing through the Rampachodavaram Range (1.0425 ha) and Addateegala Range (3.9071 ha) i.e., total area in Kakinada division is 4.9496 ha.

**I. Rampachodavaram Range:**

1. The part of the road passes through Kota RF in Compartment no. 223 & 252 = **2780** mtrs in **Rampachodavaram Range** and Balance area i.e., Bodlanka P.F in compt.nos.736, and Kota North I and II RFs in compt.Nos. 160, 164 = 10419 mtrs passes through **Addathegala Range**.

2. The Misc. trees-147 nos has to be removed at both sides of road **(59.607 cmt)** and the value of trees is Rs.7,42,917/- in Rampachodavaram Range. (statement enclosed)
3. As per field verification length of the road is **2780** mtrs and width of 3.75 mtrs & the area required for providing the road is about 10425 (1.0425) ha in Rampachodavaram Range.
4. The average density of the adjoining forest is 0.8. The details are submitted hereunder in Rampachodavaram Range.

Sl.No	Comp. no	Name of the RF	Length (Mtrs)	Width (Mtrs)	Area in Ha
1	Comp.no.223 & 252	Kota RF	2780	3.75	1.0425

It is further submitted that, the user agency requested the forest clearance on grounds that the road facilitates for transportation of food grains and other daily commodities and to avail the medical and educational facilities for the Interior tribal villages to the Mandal headquarters, Y.Ramavaram and Sub-Divisional head quarters.

However, the proposed BT surface to the road from Perikivalasa to Bhimudigedda in East Godavari District will have adverse impacts in the form of damage to thick and dense vegetation of semi- evergreen forests existing in the nearby Gomala konda and Yedla konda and habitat fragmentation of the wildlife habitats as leopards and Indian gaurs are reported and sighted in this area. Also, it may increase the probability of human-wildlife conflicts as a consequence of habitat destruction and fragmentation. The density of the surrounding forest is good & thus **the proposal is not recommended** for diversion of 1.0425 ha in Comp.no.223 & 252, Kota RF in Chintalapudi Beat, Chintalapudi Section of Rampachodavaram Range.

## **II. Addateegala Range:**

The proposed road starts at N.17.74096 ° E 81.85629 ° & ends at N.17.67772° E.81.82515°. The Road is proposed through Bodlanka PF and Kota North I&II RF. Total length proposed is 10.419 KM with a width of 3.75 mtrs. Thus the total area required is 3.9071 ha. The main vegetation consists of Konda thangedu (*Xylia xylocarpa*), Nallamaddi (*Terminalia tomentosa*), Rose wood (*Dalbergia Latifolia*), Gumpena (*Lannea coromandelica*). Area Details are as follows.

Sl.no	Comp.no	Name of the RF	Length (Mtrs)	Width (Mtrs)	Area required in Ha
1	736,160,&164	Bodlanka PF & Kota North-I RF	10419	3.75	3.9071
				<b>Total</b>	<b>3.9071</b>

The proposed road from Perikivalasa to Bhimudigedda in East Godavari District is to a length of 10.419 km is falling in Comp.No.736, 160 and 164 of Bodlanka PF and Kota North-I&II RF and the Density of vegetation is 0.5. The proposed road starting with N.17.74096 ° E 81.85629 °. The Misc Trees **50** Nos has to be removed on both sides of road (**16.052 cmt**) and the value of trees is Rs.**2,34,352/-** (Statement is enclosed).

The proposal of diversion of 4.9496 ha in RF area of Rampachodavaram and Addateegala Ranges for formation of road from Perikivalasa to Bhimudigedda in East Godavari District may have adverse impacts on forest, habitat destruction and fragmentation in this area.

Total forest area details proposed for diversion in Kakinada Division are hereunder.

Sl.No	Range	Name of the RF	Length (Mtrs)	Width (Mtrs)	Area required in Ha
1	Addateegala	Bodlanka PF & Kota North-I RF	10419	3.75	3.9071
2	RC Varam	Kota RF	2780	3.75	1.0425
				<b>Total</b>	<b>4.9496</b>

The proposed area for diversion of 4.9496 ha in reserve forests of Rampachodavaram Range (1.0425 ha) & Addateegala range (3.9071 ha) for formation of road from Perikivalasa to Bhimudigedda in East Godavari District in favour of the Executive Engineer, TW Division, Rampachodavaram will have adverse impacts in the form of damage to thick and dense vegetation of semi-evergreen forests existing in the nearby Gomala konda and Yedla konda and habitat fragmentation of the wildlife habitats as leopards and Indian gaurs are reported in this area. It may increase the probability of human-wildlife conflict as

a consequence of habitat destruction and fragmentation. The density of the surrounding forest is 0.80 & the proposal in the present shape is not recommended for diversion of 1.0425 ha in Comp.no.223 & 252,Kota RF in CHintalapudi Beat, Chintalapudi Section of Rampachodavaram Range

Hence the proposal is not recommended by the District Forest Officer, Kakinada. It is submitted that the proposals for diversion of 4.9496 ha but not 7.420 ha forest land for formation of road from Perikivalasa to Bhimudigedda of Y.Ramavaram (Upper) Mandal in Kakinada Division of East Godavari District in favour of Executive Engineer, Tribal Welfare Division, Rampachodavaram are submitted herewith in Four (4) sets along with Part-III information for taking further necessary action and may kindly be recommended for rejection.

This is submitted for favour of information and necessary action.

Encl: As above(4 sets of proposals)

Yours faithfully,  
Sd/-Shanti Priya Pandey,  
Chief Conservator of Forests,  
Rajahmundry Circle,  
Rajamahendravaram.

Copy to the District Forest Officer, Kakinada for information.

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Technical Officer 26/11/2019