

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From
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To
The Chief Conservator of Forests,
Kurnool Circle,
Kurnool.

Rc.No.1155/2017/A14, Dated:05.01.2023

Sir,

Sub : APFD – F (C) Act 1980 – Diversion of 11.03 ha of forest land for upgradation of NH-167 B from KM 51/500 to KM 58/500 i.e. from Porumamilla to Chandrasekharapuram to two lanes with paved shoulders under NHDP –IV in the State of Andhra Pradesh – Minutes of 50th Meeting of REC held on 21-09-2021 – Additional information Submission of – Regarding– Regarding.

- Ref 1. Govt. of AP, EFS & T (Sec. II) Dept. Memo No. 1481 / Section.II / 2021 / 1226406, Dated. 10-10-2022
2. Prl. CCF & HoFF, AP, Guntur Rc. No. EFS02 / 15034 / 24 /2018 / SEC-PCCF / FCA-1, Dt. 02-11-2022
3. This office Rc.No.1155/2017-14, Dt.09.11.2022
4. CF, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool Rc.No.1885/2017-TO, Dt.11.11.2022.
5. Prl. CCF & HoFF, AP, Guntur Ref. No. EFS02 / 15034 / 24 /2018 –FCA SEC-PCCF / FCA-1, Dt. 16-12-2022
6. CF, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool D.O.Rc.No.1885/2017-TO, Dt.21.12.2022
7. EE (R&B), Nh Division Kadapa Lr.No. NH-167B / EPC / Porumamilla - C.S.Puram / A2 / 2021-22 Dt: 05.01.2023



It is submitted that, in the reference 1st cited the Government has called for additional information stating that there are inconsistencies in the "area to be diverted and inspection report of the DFOs". Hence, furnishing a detailed report on the area statement for further processing of the proposal.

Further it is submitted that, in the reference 4th cited the Conservator of Forests Kurnool Circle, Kurnool has requested to verify the measurements in the field physically on the subject land and submit a detailed report after verifying the additional average width as claimed by the user agency and also the existing road width to arrive at the correct picture for submitting area statement as desired by the Government within a couple of days.

In the reference 5th cited the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests AP Guntur, it was instructed to examine the subject proposal with reference to the deliberations made in the 9th REC meeting for the same stretch in the Nellore Division and submit subject proposal duly following the above instructions.

In this connection, it is submitted that I along with the Forest Range Officer, Porumamilla and concerned section and beat staff have inspected the proposed to be diverted forest land for (2) times on 18.11.2022 and 10.12.2022 and following observations were made.

Inconsistency is there because:

- i) Sri M. Guru Prabhakar, the then Divisional Forest Officer, Proddatur in the inspection report reported that the width of the existing BT Road including side berms is about 7.00 Mt.
- ii) The Road Inspection Note book of PWD (Roads & Buildings) Department, AP signed by the Executive Engineer, Nellore Dt. 05-10-1974, the road width (RoW)

from Porumamilla to Seetharamapuram was mentioned as 30 Mts and as the existing carriage way width is 7.5 Mt

- iii) Sri M. Nagarjuna Reddy, the then Divisional Forest Officer, Proddatur in the inspection report reported that the width of the existing BT Road including side berms is about 7.50 Mt.

Clarifications: Throughout the above (3) reports, they mentioned area to be diverted as 11.03 Ha. Only. There is no inconsistency in area and in all above (3) reports area is 11.03 Ha. Only.

There is inconsistency in Right of Way (RoW) reported in the above (3) reports, because they mentioned as per their own interpretations and gave approximate width.

And as per field inspection of current District Forest Officer, at most of the stretch the existing road width is 3.70 Meters (BT).

Area statement: -

a. Left hand side (LHS):-

S. No	Strating chainage in Km	Ending Chainage in Km	Length in Km)	Existing road width in M)	Average Additional width proposed on left side of Existing road	Total extent (in Ha.)
1	51.000	51.450	0.45	7.50	4.44	0.20
2	52.000	52.950	0.85	7.50	10.24	0.87
3	55.250	55.520	0.27	7.50	10.00	0.27
4	55.920	56.320	0.40	7.50	11.50	0.46
5	57.000	58.500	1.50	7.50	16.47	2.47
Length in Kms (LHS)=			3.47		Sub total (LHS) A=	4.27

b. Right hand side (RHS): -

S. No	Strating chainage in Km	Ending Chainage in Km	Length in Km)	Existing road width in M)	Average Additional width proposed on right side of Existing road	Total extent (in Ha.)
1	51.000	52.300	1.30	7.50	11.00	1.43
2	53.000	55.300	2.30	7.50	14.48	3.33
3	55.450	55.900	0.45	7.50	12.00	0.54
4	56.130	57.230	1.10	7.50	13.27	1.46
Length in Kms (RHS)=			5.15		Sub total (RHS) A=	6.76
Grand Total (a+b) =						11.03

Further it is submitted that, The Conservator of Forests, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool has asked that the existing road width is 7.00 mts and the proposed diversion area for upgradation of paved shoulders to a width of 5.00 mts on either sides over a length of 8.00 kms. As such the area proposed for diversion shall not exceed 8.00 Ha, as such there is discrepancy in area statement.

In this connection it is submitted that, the area exceeded 8 Ha. here and calculated area is 11.03 Ha. Because the then DFO gave approximate additional width of 5.00 mts on either sides which is not correct. Whereas in reality, the average additional width required as per the DGPS survey for user agency is around 13.00 mts. that's why the area is coming to 11.03 Ha.

Further it is submitted that, we don't have Gazette Notification for this particular track. However, based on Block History and previous DFO reports, there is right of way around 3 feet for Tekurpet to Seetharampuram road.

Further in the reference 5th and 6th cited it was also instructed to submit the proposals considering the deliberation / instructions issued in the 9th REC meeting for the same road stretch in Nellore District: -

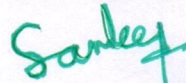
In this regard it is submitted that for most of the stretch of the existing road 3.70 mts. BT is existing. Further the user agency, in the reference 7th cited submitted that they are willing to restrict the forest area to be diverted in this project in Kadapa District to 11.03 Ha. and are seeking exemption for 3.7 mts (BT road) duly considering the existing road and Regional Empowered Committee (REC) deliberations for Nellore stretch of the same road and the user agency also submitted that, similar to Nellore stretch - they'll take DGPS readings in such a way that, one set of points are along the existing BT road and will ensure that both the left & right sides combined, the total diversion area will be 11.03 Ha. and they requested Integrated Regional Office (I.R.O) regarding the same.

In view of this the proposal of user agency may be recommended to the Regional Empowered Committee (REC) of Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada through proper channel to take a stand on this road stretch in Kadapa District and give instructions to user agency i.e., Executive Engineer (R&B), NH Division, Kadapa as given in case of Nellore stretch of the road.

This is submitted for favour of information and necessary action.

Encl. : As above.

Yours faithfully



District Forest Officer
Y.S.R.(T) Division, Y.S.R.District.

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Kadapa
02/10/2024

Copy to the Forest Range Officer, Porumamilla for information.

Copy to the Executive Engineer (R&B), NH Division, Kadapa for information and necessary action.