Government of Andhra Pradesh Forest Department

Rc.no.EFS02-15034/3/2020/FCA-3 18/11/2022 O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force Andhra Pradesh, Guntur.

Sri Y.Madhusudhana Reddy, IFS., Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force (FAC)

Sub:-APFD - F(C)Act, 1980 - D iversion of 6.73 ha forest land in for providing WBM surface to the road from Kota to Chintalapudi of Y. Ramavaram(Upper) Mandal in Kakinada Division in favour of EE, TW Division, Rampachodavaram - Proposal for withdrawal requested by the user agency - Orders issued - Reg

Ref:- 1) Online proposal no. FP/AP/ROAD/36460/2018, dated: 11.10.2018 2)CCF, Rajahmundry Rc. no. 2561/2018-D1, dated: 02.05.2022.

3) EE, TW, Rampachodavaram Ir. no. 103(M)/018/DB/FC/ATO.2/ E2., dated: 17.03.2022 received through mail on 14.10.2022 .

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Attention of the Chief Conservator of Forests, Rajahmundry Circle, Rajahmundry is invited to the references cited.

In the reference 1st cited, the EE,TW,Rampachodavaram has initiated online proposal by applying for diversion of 6.73 ha of forest for providing WBM surface to the road from Kota to Chintalapudi of Y. Ramavaram (Upper) Mandal in Kakinada division in favour of EE,TW,Rampachodavaram under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

In the reference 2nd cited, the Chief Conservator of Forests, Rajahmundry Circle, Rajahmundry has re-examined the proposal and submitted a report stating that, the route is very narrow between stream and hill portion upto 2.00 km and road cannot be laid without undertaking blasting in the forests which is not permitted as per Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and 328 no. of trees to be felled for creation of this road. Further, adverse impacts would be there on in the form of damage to thick and dense vegetation of semi evergreen forests and there would be fragmentation of wildlife habitats as leopard, bastion, sloth bear, barking dear, sambar etc. are found in these areas. Hence, the proposal is not recommended.

In the reference 3rd cited, the Executive Engineer, Tribal Welfare Division, Rampachodavaram has sated that, the road work WBM road from Kota to Chinthalapudi, Km. 8/0 to 15/0 of Y. Ramavaram (M) was closed due to insufficient funds under MGNREGS grant and requested to close the Forest Clearance proposals under FC Act, 1980.

The request of the EE, TW division, Rampachodavaram in the

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reference cited has been considered and it is decided to close the proposal. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Rajahmundry Circle, Rajahmundry is requested to advice the user agency to upload the request for closure submitted in the reference 3rd cited in the PARIVESH web portal so as to enable this office to permanently withdraw the proposal from Ministry's web portal.

Anand Kumar Jha
For Principal Chief Conservator of Forests &
Head of Forest Force (FAC)

To The Chief Conservator of Forests, Rajahmundry Circle, Rajahmundry.

Copy to the Divisional Forest Officer, Rampachodavaram division, Rampachodavaram for information and necessary action.

Copy to District Forest Officer, Kakinada for information and necessary action.

Copy to Executive Engineer, TW division, Rampachodavaram for necessary action.