

**Government of Andhra Pradesh
Forest Department**

From
Sri N. Nageswara Rao, I.F.S.,
Chief Conservator of Forests,
Wildlife Management Circle,
Tirupati - 517 507.

To
The Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),
Aranya Bhavan,
K.M. Munshi Road,
A.P. State, Guntur - 522 004,

Rc.No. 133/2020/M1, Dt: 07.09.2022

Sir,

Sub:- APFD - F (C) Act, 1980 - Diversion of 4.54 ha. of forest land in Chittoor East Division in favour of Project Director, NHAI, Chennai, for construction of six-lane highway road from Chittoor to Thatchur (NH-716B) from Km 0.000 (Bangalore Chennai Expressway) to Km.126.550 (Chennai Peripheral Road) in Chittoor District in Andhra Pradesh and Tiruvallur District in Tamil Nadu - Submission of proposals U/s 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Additional information called for - Report submitted - Reg.

Ref:-

1. This office Rc.No. 133/2020/M1, dt: 26.05.2022.
2. PCCF, A.P., Guntur Rc.No. EFS02-15034/135/2018-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-1, dt: 23.08.2022.
3. DFO, Chittoor East Rc.No. 930/2018/D, dt: 07.09.2022.

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It is submitted that, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) A.P., Guntur has called for additional information in connection with diversion of forest land for formation of road from Chennai - Chittoor - Thatchur Section of NH-716B in favour of PD, NHAI-PIU, Chennai vide reference 2nd cited. Accordingly, the Divisional Forest Officer, Chittoor East has submitted the following information along with maps (5 sets) to this office vide reference 3rd cited.

- (i) Map clearly depicting the alternative routes examines along with the note submitted by the user agency.
- (ii) Beat map clearly depicting the RF boundary and the road alignment proposed for diversion.

The above information submitted by the Divisional Forest Officer, Chittoor East, Chittoor along with maps (5 sets) is submitted herewith to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Guntur for consideration of proposals U/s 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

This is submitted for favour of kind information and necessary action.

Encl:- As above

Yours faithfully,
Sd/- N. Nageswara Rao,
Chief Conservator of Forests,
Wildlife Management Circle,
Tirupati.

Copy to the Divisional Forest Officer, Chittoor East for information.

Copy to the Project Director, NHAI, PIU-Chittoor, B.V. Reddy Colony, Chittoor for information.

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for
Munshi
07/09/22
Superintendent

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT



From
Sri A.Chandra Sekhar, SFS.,
District Forest Officer,
Chittoor East (WL) Division,
CHITTOOR.

To
The Chief Conservator of Forests,
Wildlife Management Circle,
TIRUPATI.

Rc.No.930/2018/D, Dt.07.09.2022

Sir,

Sub:- APFD FCA 1980- Proposals for diversion of forest land for construction of six-lane road from Chennai-Chittoor-Thachur section of NH-716B in favour of PD, NHAI-PIU, Chennai - DGPS Survey data of the degraded Forest land identified for CA submitted for verification and authentication - Authentication maps communicated - Part-I proposals submitted by the User Agency - Part-II proposals submitted - Certain information called for by the GoI - Information submitted - Reg.

- Ref:-**
1. PCCF, A.P., Guntur, Ref.No. EFS02-15034/135/2018-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-1, Dt: 07.03.2022 communicated through the CCF, WLM Circle, Tirupati Rc.No. Rc.No.133/2020/M1, Dt.29.01.2022.
 2. DFO, Chittoor East Rc.No.930/2018/D, Dt.27.01.2022.
 3. PD, NHAI-PIU-Chittoor, NHAI/PIU-CTR/17002/Forest/P-III/CTR-TCR/2022/190, Dt.21.03.2022.
 4. DFO, Chittoor East Rc.No.930/2018/D, Dt.01.04.2022 & 16.04.2022.
 5. DFO, Chittoor East Rc.No.930/2018/D, Dt.20.04.2022. (letter to UA).
 6. Forest Range Officer, Puttur Rc.No.138/2019/PTR, Dt.06.05.2022.
 7. DFO, CTR/E Rc.No.930/2018/D, Dt.20.05.2022.
 8. GoI, MoEF & CC, Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada F.No.4-APB182/2022-VIJ/493, Dt.05.08.2022 communicated in GoAP., Memo No. 1487/Section.II/2022/1767199, EFS&T (Sec.II) Dept. Dt.12.08.2022 communicated in Prl. CCF., A.P., Guntur Rc. No. EFS02-15034/135/2018-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-1, Dt.23.08.2022 communicated in CCF, WLM Circle, TPT Rc. No. 133/2020/M1, Dt.26.08.2022.
 9. NHAI/PIU-CTR/1700/FOREST/Pkg.-III/CTR/2022/647, Dt.02.09.2022.
 10. DFO, CTR/E Rc.No.930/2018/D, Dt.03.09.2022.
 11. FRO, Puttur Rc. No. 138/2019/PTR, Dt.05.09.2022.

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In obedience to the ref. 8th cited, it is submitted that the Government of India vide GoI, MoEF&CC, Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada F.No.4-APB182/2022-VIJ/493, Dt.05.08.2022 has called for the following information in respect of the proposals under F (C) Act,1980 of Chennai-Chittoor-Thachur Section of NH-716B.

- i) Map clearly depicting the alternative routes examines along with the note on each such alternative examines (includes actual forest area involved, number of trees to be felled, cost, displacement of people, if any etc.,)
- ii) Authenticated Beat map clearly depicting the RF boundary and the road alignment proposed for diversion.

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Further, it is submitted that, on receipt of the said communication, instructions have been issued to the Forest Range Officer, Puttur Range vide ref. 10th cited to submit the information / maps for the above points in consultation with the User Agency. Accordingly, the Forest Range Officer, Puttur Range has submitted that the Forest Section Officer, Nagalapuram Section has verified all the alternative routes with reference to the options exercised by the User Agency through their letter dated 02.09.2022. Out of the 5 options exercised by the User Agency, the option No.2 of the proposal submitted by the User Agency is having shortest distance passing in the Reserves Forest and also having minimal disturbance to the Forests i.e., (i) Forest area involved : 4.54 Ha.; (ii) No. of trees to be felled : 809 Nos.; (3) Cost : Rs.30,54,849/- (value of tree growth as per Offence FSR 2022-23) and (4) Displacement of people : NIL.

Accordingly, the following maps in Five (5) sets each along with note submitted by the User Agency are submitted herewith:-

- (i) Map clearly depicting the alternative routes examines along with the note submitted by the user agency.
- (ii) Beat map clearly depicting the RF boundary and the road alignment proposed for diversion.

It is submitted that the proposed 4.54 Ha. area is falling in Compt. No. 297, Pulikundram RF, Pulikundram Beat of Puttur Range. Further, it is submitted that, as per the topo sheet map, the proposed area of diversion is falling outside the Reserve Forest area. But, as per the Gazette Notification of Pulikundram RF, the entire proposed area is falling inside the Pulikundram RF.

In view of the above, it is recommended for consideration of the proposal U/s 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act,1980 for diversion of forest land for construction of six-lane road from Chennai-Chittoor-Thachur section of NH-716B in favour of Project Director, NHAI-PIU, Chennai.

This is submitted for favour of kind information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

District Forest Officer,
Chittoor East (WL) Division,
CHITTOOR.

Encls: as above,

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