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

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Dated.06.01.2022

From
The 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 9.33 Ha. of forest land for Rehabilitation and Up-gradation of NH-167B from Porumamilla to Singarayakonda (Old NH-16) via Seetharamapuram- CS Puram – Pamuru-Kandukur to two lanes with paved shoulders in the State of Andhra Pradesh under NH(O) through EPC basis - Proposal submitted under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Additional information submitted -Reg.

Ref: 1.From PCCF(HoFF), A.P, Lr.Rc.No. 4948/2017/FCA-3, d.:25-10-2018. 2)State Govt.Lr.No.982/Sec.II/2021, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., dt.24.06.2021. 3)From the IGF(Central), GoI, MoEF&CC, Vijayawada,Lr.F.No.4-APC129/2021-VIJ/61, dt.18.08.2021. 4)From the PCCF & HoFF, Lr.Rc.No.4948/2017/FCA-3, dt.11.11.2021.

With reference to your letter 3rd cited, I am to inform that the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur has furnished the information/documents, vide the reference 4th cited (copy enclosed), as desired by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada in the reference 3rd cited, which is as follows:

| S1. | Additional information sought | Information submitted by PCCF & HoFF |
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| | by Gol MoEF&CC | |
| i | As per the area statement, it reveals that the User Agency proposed for widening of existing road to 24 mtrs width (excluding existing 7 mtrs width | The existing road i.e., old Pamur – Kandukur – Singarayakonda road was constructed before 1980 and the above road is mentioned in three Reserve Forest Block Notifications i.e., 1.Botlaguduru, 2.Bodawada and 3.Malakonda RFs in Kanigiri Range of Giddalur Division. Further, the existing |

| ii | remaining stretches). However, it has not been reported whether the existing road is RoW as mentioned under RF Notification or constructed with prior approval of GoI the same is excluded from the width portion within the total forest area proposed for diversion i.e., 9.33 Ha. It was decided in the REC meeting so seek clarification on this issue. In case existing road is constructed in the Row, supporting documents like RF etc. shall be submitted. | Notifications and the Notification copies are | | | |
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| | | S1. N o. | Name of the RF Botlag uduru | Existing width of the road 7.00 m (including shoulders). | RoW Mentioned in the RF Notification In Botlaguduru RF Notification, it was mentioned that a road from Singarayakonda to Pamur enters in the Block between the stations 23 and 24 at a distance of 36 links from Station No.23 and proceeds in a westerly direction over a distance of 3½ miles within the Forest Block and leaves the block between Stations 49 and 50 at a distance of 357 links from Station No.49 is admitted as Public Right of Way for men, cattle and vehicles. Further, the user agency has requested that the existing width of 7.00 m may be excluded from the proposed 24.00 m width of the road. |

| 1 | 0 | 10.00 | In Bodawada RF |
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| 2. | Boda wada | 10.00 m (inclu ding shoul ders) | In Bodawada RF Notification, it was mentioned that a road from Pamur to Kandukur to a width of one chain. It enters the Block between cairn No.8 and 9 at a distance of 200 links from cairn No.8 and running in a east and north-easterly direction for a distance of about 38 chains leave the block between cairn No.11 and 12 at a distance of 150 links from cairn No.11 is admitted as Public Right of Way for men, cattle and vehicles. Further, the user agency has requested that the existing width of 10.00 m may be excluded from the proposed 24.00 m width of road. |
| 3. | Malak | 10.00 m (inclu ding shoul ders) | In Malakonda RF Notification, it was |

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| iii | Correct kml files for the area required to be diverted shall be uploaded in the online application. | The user agency has uploaded the correct KML files for the area required to be diverted in the online application. |
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| iv | Justification for the need of 24 mtrs width for road from the existing width of 7m / 10m. | The user agency has reported that the existing road is proposed to be widened to two lane with paved shoulders configuration (i.e.10.00m. Bituminous Top + 1.00 m. earthen shoulders on both side + embankment slop varies from 2 to 3.5m. on both sides as per the profile + Toe Bern 1.00 m. on each side + earthen drain 1.50 m. on each side and total right of way required is 24.00m.). Further, the user agency has stated that 24.00 m is the barest minimum right of way for two lane paved shoulders configuration and there is no trees existing in the proposed diversion of road. |

I request you to consider the above information and communicate the approval of Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, in the matter at an early date.

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Andhra Pradesh, Guntur.

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways,

GoI, Quality Control Building,

Errum Manzil, Hyderabad-500082.