

**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From
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Telangana State, "AranyaBhavan",
Saifabad, **Hyderabad.**

To
The Special Chief Secretary to the Government,
Forests (EFS&T) Dept.,
Telangana Secretariat,
Aranya Bhavan, Saifabad,
Hyderabad - 500 004.

Ref.No. 14088/2020/FCA-2, Dated:09.12.2021.

Madam,

Sub:- TSFD - F(C) Act, 1980 - PMGSY Roads (PR Department) - Diversion of **1.5891 ha** of forest land for upgradation of road to BT standard from **R&B road to Moriguda** of Kawal RF of Utnoor FDPT Forest Division of Adilabad District, in favour of District Panchayat Raj Engineer, PR Dept., Adilabad - **Processed proposal submitted- Additional Information furnished** - Reg.

- Ref :-**
1. The Dist. PR Engineer, Adilabad Lr. No. D3/PMGSY Phase XII/PWD road to Moriguda/2020, dt. 28.10.2020 received on 06-11-2020.
 2. PCCF's Rc.No.14088/2020/FCA-2, dated: 23-11-2020.
 3. Dist. PEngineer, Adilabad Lr. No.D2/PMGSY Phase XII/R&B Road to Moriguda/2020, dt. 18.01.2021 received on 06-3-2021.
 4. PCCF's Rc.No.14088/2020/FCA-2, dated: 16-03-2021.
 5. CCF, Adilabad Rc. No. 1888/2020-M6 (i), dt. 11.06.2021.
 6. CCF, Adilabad Rc.No.486/2021/M6, dt. 10-05-2021.
 7. PCCF's Ref.No.14088/2020/FCA-2, dt.23-6-2021.
 8. IGF(C), MoEF &CC, GoI, IRO, Hyd., F.No.4-TSB210/2021-HYD/92, dt.09-10-2021 downloaded from State Government login of parivesh portal.
 9. DFO, Adilabad Rc.No.2330/2021/S8, dt.02-12-2021 received through e-mail dated 03-12-2021.

With reference to the letter 8th cited, the replies to the queries raised by the GOI, MoEF&CC, IRO, Hyderabad on the subject project are obtained from the field officers vide reference 9th cited and furnished as under:

Sl. No.	EDS raised by the IRO, Hyd.,	Reply submitted by the DFO, Adilabad.
1.	Approval of SC-NBWL	With regard to NBWL approval it is submitted that the said proposal has been approved in 3rd SBWL Meeting held on 07-9-2021 as per the Minutes communicated vide PCCF's Ref.No.1274/2014/WL1, dt. 16-9-2021 (copy enclosed). The NBWL approval is awaited.
2.	Legal Status of the existing road i.e., whether RoW or not, in case of RoW, copy of RF notification clearly indicating length and width of RoW allowed may please be submitted	The proposed road falling in RF Kawal.The Gazette notification of Kawal RF did not mention about any right of ways. The Kawal RF Block area shown in Survey of India topo sheets of 56 I/15 of 1985 surveyed in 1973-74 & 1975-76 is showing cart track in red lines. The alignment of proposed road matches partially with the cart track as shown in the SOI toposheet. The cart track which goes eastwards between points 43 & 44 on toposheet is the starting point of the proposed road. However, the proposed road partially Co-insides with the cart track shown on the toposheet. And indicative map showing existing cart track and proposed road alignment with arrow marks on SoI soposheet 56 I/15 is furnished herewith. Further, the right of way is not mentioned explicitly in notification and width of road is not mentioned in the notification. Hence, while processing the proposal, the entire road width proposed by the User Agency is taken for diversion.

In view of the above, it is requested to forward the above information to the GoI, MoEF&CC, IRO, Hyderabad for placing the proposal before the next REC.

Encl.: As above.

Yours faithfully

Sd/-R.Sobha

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)

Advance copy to the Additional Director General of Forests (Central), Regional Office (South Eastern Zone), MoEF&CC, GoI, and I/c Integrated Regional Officer, MoEF&CC, GoI, 3rd floor, Aranya Bhavan, Saifabad, Hyderabad 500 004 for favour of information and considering the proposal in the next REC meeting.

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R. Sobha

for Principal Chief Conservator of Forests

15/12/2021

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
FOREST DEPARTMENT

From Smt. R. Sobha, I.F.S.,
Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) & Chief
Wildlife Warden (FAC), Telangana,
Aranya Bhavan, Hyderabad

To
The Chairman and
all the Members of Reconstituted
State Board for Wildlife

Rc. No.1274/2014/WL-1, Dt: 16.09.2021

Sir,

Sub: - TSFD - Wildlife - Minutes of the 3rd reconstituted State Board for Wildlife Meeting held on 07.09.2021 at 11.00 A.M at Aranya Bhavan, 6th Floor conference Hall - Communicated - Reg.

Ref: - PCCF's Rc.No.1274/2014-WL-1, dt: 30.08.2021

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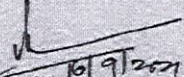
This is to inform that the Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the reconstituted State Board for Wildlife chaired by Hon'ble Minister for Forests and Environment convened on 07.09.2021 at 11.00 A.M have been approved.

A copy of the Minutes of the Meeting is enclosed herewith for information.

Encl: As above.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/- R.Sobha,
Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF)
& Chief Wildlife Warden (FAC)

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**Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Re-constituted State Board for Wildlife of
Telangana held on 07.09.2021 at 11.00 A.M in the Conference Hall, 6th Floor,
Aranva Bhavan.**

The 3rd reconstituted meeting of State Board for Wildlife for Telangana State was convened on 07.09.2021. The following Members, Spl. Invitees, Officials and Representative from User Agencies have attended the meeting.

Sl. No.	Name of the Member	Designation
1	Sri A. Indrakaran Reddy, Hon'ble Minister for Forests & Environment, Govt. of Telangana.	Vice-Chairperson
2	Sri. Koneru Konappa, MLA, Sirpur, Khammam.	Member
3	Smt. Koya Laxmi, (ST Representative), Zilla Parishad, KB Asifabad Dist.	Member
4	Sri. Anil Kumar V Epiru, Chairman, World Wide Fund (WWF) India, Hyderabad Office.	Member
5	Sri. J.V.D. Moorthy, President, Deccan Birders, Hyderabad.	Member
6	Sri. Avinash Viswanathan, General Secretary, Friends of Snakes Society, Hyderabad.	Member
7	Sri. V. Kishan, IES (Retd), Chief Conservator of Forests (Retd).	Member
8	Dr. Vasudeva Rao, Pr. Scientist and Head of Agricultural Ornithology, PITSAU, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad.	Member
9	Sri B.V.Subha Rao, President, Convergence for Sustainable Initiatives, Hyderabad.	Member
10	Sri. Rajiv Mathewes, Consultant, Wildlife Management, Mathews Mansion, Hyderabad.	Member
11	Sri. S.Raghavender, Co-founder, Green India Challenge	Member

12	Smt. Shanthi Kumari, IAS Spl. Chief Secretary Forests, Govt. of Telangana State	Member
13	Smt. R. Sobha, IFS, Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) & Chief Wildlife Warden	Member Secretary
14	Sri. E. Sridhar IAS, Spl. Secretary, (Tribal W)	Member
15	Sri. B. Manohar, Managing Director, Telangana State Tourism Development Corporation, Hyd.	Member
16	Superintendent of Police, Narcotics, CID representing Director General of Police, Telangana	Member
17	Representative of Director, Department of Animal Husbandry, Telangana	Member
18	Sri. Kripashankar, IFS, Regional Deputy Director, WCCB Southern Region, Chennai.	Member
19	Dr. Raisingam, Deputy Director, Botanical Survey of India, Kendriya Sadan, Hyderabad.	Member
20	Dr. Deepa Jaiswal, Joint Director, Zoological Survey of India, Attapur, Hyd.	Member
Spl. Invitees		
21	Smt. Farida Tampak, State Director, WWF India, Hyderabad Office.	Spl. Invitee
22	Sri. A.G. Sanjeeva Rao, Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Eugg. Dept, Hyd.	Spl. Invitee
23	Sri. Imran Siddique, Director, HyTiCoS, Hyderabad.	Spl. Invitee
24	Sri. Shafaat Olla, Member, Deccan Birds, Hyderabad.	Spl. Invitee

The PCCF(HoFF) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Telangana while expressing happiness at the good attendance, welcomed the Vice-Chairman, Members and Spl. Invitees to the

3rd Meeting of the Reconstituted State Board for Wildlife OF Telangana and requested the Hon'ble Minister for Forests and Environment , Govt. of Telangana to address the members.

The Hon'ble Minister and Vice Chairman in his opening remarks welcomed the Members to the meeting and hoped that the Members will discuss the issues listed in the agenda and give their valuable suggestions. The Hon'ble Minister than requested the PCCF(HoFF) to present the agenda for the meeting for discussions.

Agenda 1: Action taken report on the minutes of the 2nd meeting of the State Board for Wildlife held on 05.10.2020.

- i. The PCCF informed the Members that action has been taken to implement the 10 proposals of OFC lines and repairs and maintenance of existing Palavagu in Tadvai Mandal recommended by the Board in the 2nd meeting.

As regards, the Proposal of SCCL for amalgamation of Cluster of Eleven Mines in Ramagundem Area falling in ESZ of Sivaram WLS recommended by the Board, recommendations were submitted to NBWL and it is under consideration of NBWL.

- ii. The Members were informed that, as suggested in the 2nd meeting, the Tigers moving into KTR and Corridor Area from Maharashtra are monitored on day to day basis and the movement mapped by the department.

Impetus is given to creating Natural Grass Lands and Water sources through 193 Solar Bore wells as a part of habitat improvement.

Excess Herbivores from Deer Parks and Zoo Parks are being translocated to Tiger Reserves to improve prey base. One Deer breeding center has also been set up in KTR for this purpose.

Eco-tourism facilities have been created in ATR, KTR, Kinnerasani, Tadvai and visitor numbers are increasing.

Relocation of the two Villages of Maisampet and Rampur from core area of KTR is under way. The site selected for re-location has been dis-reserved for this purpose.

Agenda 2: Proposals for diversion of Forests land falling in Wildlife Areas for laying of roads under the Prime Minister Grameen Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) and Irrigation project .

The PCCF informed the Members that 26 proposals for laying of Roads and Bridges under PMGSY & one Irrigation proposal of JCRLIS received have been processed in Part-I to Part-IV and submitted to State Govt. The Members were informed that, the proposed roads are essential for providing basic facilities to the local communities to have access to

education, health and agriculture market facilities in the nearby Mandal Head Quarters / Towns.

The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj Dept. informed the Members that, the primary objective of the PMGSY is to provide Connectivity, by way of an All-weather Road with necessary culverts and cross-drainage structures, which is operable throughout the year, to the eligible unconnected habitations in the rural areas with a population of 500 persons and above in Plain areas and 250 persons and above Tribal (Schedule V) areas and Selected Tribal and Backward Districts.

The proposals are placed before the Board for consideration and recommendation.

Placing the PMGSY road proposals before the Board for consideration, the PCCF stated that for each proposal, a Wildlife mitigation Plan has been prepared for implementation with funds from the User Agency and for road proposals wherever required, an Animal Passage Plan has been prepared as per WII guidelines for implementation by the User Agency.

It was informed that, an amount of Rs.1230.284 lakh has been proposed in the Part - IV of Wildlife format recommended by Chief Wildlife Warden to be provided by the User Agency for activities like:

- i) Habitat improvement like creation of Natural Grasslands, installation of Solar Bore Wells, Percolation Tanks.
- ii) Setting up integrated base-camps with watch tower, solar bore well, camping room etc.
- iii) Mitigating man-animal conflict, payment of compensations etc.
- iv) Publicity, sign boards, education and awareness.
- v) Monitoring Wildlife through camera traps.

It was informed that, Animal Passage plan for roads were prepared as per the following prescriptions of WII, Dehradun:

- i) Minimum length of the under pass shall be 30.00 m and height 2.75 m.
- ii) For each km of road passing through Wildlife Areas two under passes shall be provided depending on the established animal movement.
- iii) On either side of the under pass, chain-link fence shall be installed in bell shape and vegetation like grass, herbs, shrubs shall be planted to create Natural Ambience.

The PCCF presented the proposals before the Board as under:

S. No	Division	Subject	Mitigation Plan Rs. in lakh	Animal Passage Plan
	FDO Echoda	Diversion of 2.120 Ha. of forest land for improvement of existing road to BT standards and widening from PR road to Lachimpur -B falling in Buffer area of KTR.	15.00	Proposed 6 under passes in WL Area over a road length of 3.532 km each of 30.00 m length and 5.00 m height.
2	FDO Echoda	Diversion of 1.764 Ha. of forest land for improvement and widening of the road from LQ26-NH7 to Boregaon falling in Eco-Sensitive zone of KTR.	21.00	Proposed 4 underpasses in WL Area over a road length of 2.94 km each of 30.00 m length and 3.00 m height.
3	FDO Utnoor FDPT	Diversion of 1.806 Ha. of forest land for improvement of existing road to BT standards and widening Road from L052 PR road to Thummalpahad falling in Buffer area of KTR.	15.00	Proposed 5 under passes in WL Area over a road length of 3.01 km each of 30.00 m length and 5.00 m height.
4	FDO Utnoor FDPT	Diversion of 6.3099 Ha. of forest land for improvement of existing road to BT standards and widening Road from Muthnur to Fakeernaik Tanda falling in Buffer area of KTR.	68.00	Proposed 20 under passes in WL Area over a road length of 10.516 km each of 30.00 m length and 5.00 m height.
5	FDO Utnoor FDPT	Diversion of 0.223926 Ha. of forest land for construction of Road from Muthnur to Fakeernaik Tanda (Chimmangudi) falling in the Buffer area of KTR.	20.00	The CF, Adilabad stated that this is a small stretch of road of 0.68 km length, hence no underpasses proposed.
6	FDO Utnoor FDPT	Diversion of 1.5891 Ha. of forest land for up gradation of the existing road from R & B road to Morriguda falling in core area of KTR.	11.00	Proposed 6 underpasses in WL Area over a road length of 2.648 km each of 50.00 m length and 5.00 m height. ✓
7	FDO Utnoor FDPT & Khana-pur	Diversion of 5.1285 Ha. (2.3485 Ha. in Khanapur Division and 2.78 Ha. in Utnoor FDPT Division) of forest land for widening of road from R & B road to Allampally falling in core area of KTR.	80.014	Proposed 7 Passages in Khanapur and 16 in Utnoor each with a length of 30.00 m and 2.75 m height in Khanapur and 50.00 m length and 5.00 m height in Utnoor over a road length of 3.355 km in Khanapur and 6.95 km in Utnoor.
8	FDO Asifabad	Diversion of 0.969 Ha. of forest land for laying of road from R/F PWD road to Alliguda via Potharaj Temple falling in Tiger corridor area of KTR.	20.50	Proposed 3 underpasses in WL Area over a road length of 1.615 km each of 50.00 m length and 3.00 m height.

9	FDO Asifabad	Diversion of 2.206 Ha. of forest land for up gradation of road from ZP road 9/400 km to Nagoguda falling in buffer area of KTR.	38.00	Proposed 7 underpasses in WL Area over a road length of 3.677 km each of 30.00 m length and 3.00 m height.
10	FDO Asifabad	Diversion of 2.7052 Ha (Revised from 4.8925 Ha.) land falling in Tiger corridor area of KTR for formation of BT road from Karji to Moflaguda.	105.00	Proposed 13 underpasses in WL Area over a road length of 6.763 km each of 50.00 m length and 3.00 m height.
11	FDO Asifabad	Diversion of 2.942 Ha. of forest land (falling in buffer area of KTR) for formation of BT road from ZP road 27/9 to Gundala.	38.00	Proposed 5 underpasses in WL Area over a road length of 2.131 km each of 30.00 m length and 3.00 m height.
12	FDO Kagaznagar	Diversion of 2.21 Ha. of forest land for construction of road and 2 bridges from Bejpur to Sonum falling in Tiger corridor area of KTR.	50.40	Proposed 8 underpasses in WL Area over a road length of 3.4278 km each of 30 m length and 3.00 m height. Also 2 bridges with length of 200 meters and 3 meter height each included in the road by UA will also serve as animal passage.
13	FDO Kagaznagar	Diversion of 1.132 Ha. of forest land for improvement and widening of existing road from R/E Edguda to Talai falling in Tiger corridor area of KTR.	30.75	Proposed 5 underpasses in WL Area over a road length of 2.255 km each of 30.00 m length and 3.00 m height.
14	FDO Kagaznagar	Diversion of 7.451 Ha. of forest land for widening from Etiguda to Agerguda falling in Tiger corridor area of KTR.	89.00	Proposed 28 underpasses in WL Area over a road length of 14.837 km each of 30.00 m length and 3.00 m height.
15	FDO Kagaznagar	Diversion of 1.623 Ha. (Revised 1.485 Ha) of forest land for improvement of existing road and widening from Ravindranagar to Korsini falling in Tiger corridor area of KTR.	19.00	Proposed 6 underpasses on the road in WL Area over a road length of 2.97 km each of 30.00 m length and 3.00 m height.
16	FDO Kagaznagar	Diversion of forest land of 0.416 Ha for construction of High level bridge at 1.00 km from Kethuin to Dunda falling in Tiger corridor area in Bejpur Mandal of Gudem.	45.32	This proposal is for construction of High Level Bridge and will not require a separate Animal Passage plan.
17	FDO Khanapur	Diversion of 4.2063 Ha. of forest land for Widening of the existing R/F Rasimatia to Korikal via Amkena Rayadhari road of Pamba falling in Buffer Zone of KTR, Nirmal.	46.00	Proposed 12 Passages each with a length of 30.00 m and 2.75 m height over a road length of 7.01 km.

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18	FDO Khanapur	Diversion of 0.3893 Ha. of forest land for widening of the existing earthen road to BT standard from R & B Road to Kossagattu in Pembu falling in core area of KTR.	26.00	Proposed 2 Passages each with a length of 30.00 m and 2.75 m height along the road passing through the Forest area over a length of 648.83 m.
19	FDO Khanapur	Diversion of 1.9574 Ha. of forest land for widening of the existing earthen road to BT standard from R/F Eyyachinthal to Dalhoipet upto Gangapur falling in Buffer area of KTR.	16.50	Proposed 6 Passages each with a length of 30.00 m and 2.75 m over a road length of 22.72 km.
20	FDO WLM Kinnerasani	Diversion of 0.358 Ha of forest land for widening of the existing road to Thumikbandla of Kinnerasani WLM Division falling to Kinnerasani WLS.	2.90	The road passes through WL Areas over 358.09 m. only. Hence, no under passes proposed.
21	FDO WLM Kinnerasani	Diversion of 3.4263 Ha. of forest land for widening of the existing road. from Mendigunta to Mamillayal falling in Kinnerasani WLS.	65.00	The road passes in WL Area over 3.426 km in the periphery. Proposed 3 underpasses/ Culverts of length ranging from 5.25 to 14.60 m and height from 1.4 to 2.5 m.
22	FDO WLM Kinnerasani	Diversion of 0.170 Ha of forest land for widening of the existing road from Pothuru to Rayalanka of Kinnerasani WLM Division falling in Kinnerasani WLS.	2.00	The road passes through WL area over 170.315 m only. hence, no underpasses are proposed.
23	FDO WLM Kinnerasani	Diversion of 1.246 Ha. of forest land for widening of the existing road from Allapally to Mylaram falling in Kinnerasani WLS.	12.00	The road passes through WL Areas over 1246.47 m. Underpasses not proposed.
24	FDO WLM Gudur	Diversion of 5.9359 Ha. of forest land Mattewada to Veerampet road in Gudur WLM Division passing through Pakhal WLS.	112.70	Proposed 7 Passages each with a minimum length of 30.00 m and 2.75 m height over a road length of 11.00 km.
25	FDO Gudur	Diversion of 3.2411 Ha. of forest land PWD Road to Neelavancha passing through Pakhal WLS.	100.00	Proposed 5 Passages each with a minimum length of 30.00 m and 2.75 m height over a road length of 2.7009 km.
26	FDO WLM Gudur	Diversion of 4.0555 Ha. of forest land for BT Road Cheruvumunda Thanda to Doravai, Vempally passing through Pakhal WLS.	37.20	Proposed 5 Passages each with a minimum length of 30.00 m and 2.75 m height over a road length of 6.759 km.

27	DFC, Warangal (R) and Mulugu	Diversion of 5.0590 (49256 Ha in Warangal (R) and 0.0665Ha in Mulugu Div.) of forest land falling in Pakhal WIS for laying of underground pipes for JCR DLS pipeline project.	144.00	Since this is a surge pool & underground pipeline project, no animal passage plan is proposed. However, planting of grass and shrubs is proposed along the pipeline on either side.
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Responding to the proposals the Members gave the following suggestions:

- The maximum vehicular speed on the above roads shall be prescribed as 30 kmph and it shall be ensured that this is implemented strictly and speed breakers included at regular intervals on the road stretches in forest areas.
- Movement of vehicles shall be restricted during the night hours from 9.00 PM to 6.00 AM to avoid accidental death of animals and minimize disturbance to wildlife habitat.
- Dense grass and low height shrubs shall be planted on either side of the underpass in bell shape with chain link fence of size 8" x 8" x 10 gauge to create a natural ambience and facilitate movement of reptiles through the fence.

The Board after discussions recommended all the above proposals with the above suggestions.

Agenda 3: All India Tiger Estimation 5th cycle 2021-22

The PCCF explained to the Board that:

- The GoI introduced AITE in 2006 and four cycles have been completed.
- As per the last estimation of 2018 there are 26 Tigers and 398 Panthers in Telangana.
- AITE, 2021-22 is to be carried out once in 4 years in all the Forest Areas of the State covering 3083 beats during Jan' 2022.
- In this cycle, the data is to be collected digitally in AITE app on Smart phone during the 7 days field exercise in each beat. No paper shall be used for data collection and transmission to NITCA/WII.
- For each beat a team of 3 persons is to be nominated for conducting carnivore trail walk for 3 days and herbivore transect walk for 3 days.
- Due to shortage of field staff at the level of FBO & FSO, it is essential to involve NGOs, Volunteers, students and nature lovers in the field work to form 3 member team for each beat as was done during the 4th cycle in 2018.
- This will improve the efficiency and accuracy of the field work and will also bring in transparency.

The Members representing NGO's and subject specialists stated that they would willingly participate in the AITE- 2021-22 along with Members of their respective organizations in large numbers.

Agenda 4: Man-Animal conflict: Orders issued by TFD for controlling Wild boar attacking Agriculture field Adequacy and further suggestions for improvement- Discussions.

The PCCF informed the Members that the Government in G.O.R.No.11 EFSSE, dt.26.01.2021 issued orders appointing all the GP Sarpanches in the State as Honorary Wildlife Warden U/s 4(3) of WLPA, 1972. Accordingly the PCCF (HoFF) & CWLW in Proc.No.512E2/2009/WL-2, dt. 29.01.2021 issued orders U/s 5(2) of WLPA, 1972 delegating the powers to cull Wild Pigs damaging agriculture crops to GP Sarpanches.

The PCCF further informed that the Forest Dept. has empaneled 30 expert shooters with licensed weapons who have volunteered to take up the culling Wild Pigs free of cost. This panel has been communicated to all field level staff and GP Sarpanches. Contrary to the apprehensions that these powers will be misused leading to large scale killing of Wild Pigs, these provisions have been used judiciously by the GP Sarpanches resulting in culling of only 21 Wild Pigs between March & August 2021. This is an initiative of the Govt. to safeguard human life and property from wild animal attacks within the existing provisions of WL (P) Act, 1972.

During the discussion on the subject Dr. V. Vasudeva Rao, Member suggested measures like growing crops which repel Wild Pigs on the periphery of farmlands and also adopt technology available with KJSES Agriculture University for scaring away Wild Pigs. The Spl. CS responded saying that these measures are to be implemented by the Agriculture Dept. The Forest Dept. has provided a facility for providing relief to farmers from Wild Pigs attack on standing crops.

The Regional Dy. Director, WCCB, Chennai expressed that the initiative taken by the Telangana Forest Dept. is good and all necessary safeguards are provided in the orders issued.

Agenda 5: Use of Eco-tourism as a tool in Wildlife Conservation. Suggestions from members for meaningful Eco-tourism in Forest and Wildlife Areas and to make Eco-tourism self-sustainable.

Initiating the discussion on the subject, the PCCF stated that the National Wildlife policy recognizes Eco-tourism as an important tool in Wildlife Conservation and that the Telangana State is in the process of promoting meaningful Eco-tourism to spread awareness for Wildlife Conservation and to provide an opportunity to people to visit the Wildlife areas and enjoy the beauty of nature. Several initiatives have been taken up in this regard like:-

1. In ATR, Farhabad view point and safari, Malletheertham Water falls, Octopus view point, Sallishwaram, Akka Mahadevi caves, Umamaheshwaram, Kadaliwanam, Pratap-rudra kota, Maddimadugh temple, Mannanur EEC & base camp.
2. In KTR, jungle safari, Ghantsheethi kunta, Kalpakunta, Bison Kunta, Gonduguda base camp, Mahyal watch tower, Kadem dam, Kuntala, Pochchera and Gmudhari Water falls.
3. Under Warangal Tourism circuit- Lakshnavaram lake, Tadval complex, Bogatha water falls, Pandavula gurta.
4. In Khammasani Eco-Tourism, Deer park, EEC, Nature trek, Bird watching at reservoir.

5. In Pocharam Eco-tourism, EEC, Safari, Bird watching at lake

The Honble Minister expressed that the Eco-tourism promoting taken up so far have yielded good results, but for more development is required as there is very good response from public.

The MD, TSTDC informed that they are creating Eco-tourism infrastructure outside the Forest and Wildlife areas at ATR, KTR, Laknavaram, Somasila to cater to the needs of visitors. The MD requested to setup a sub-committee with representation from concerned Depts., for facilitating permissions for eco-tourism activities around Forest areas and PAs.

Sri. Rajiv Mathew, Member suggested participation of private parties in Eco-tourism promotion and Sri. B.V. Subba Rao, Member stated that theme based eco-tourism may be adopted like focus on natural rocky areas, important wet land bird areas etc.

Agenda 6: Any other item which members desire to discuss with the permission of the Chair.

On the invitation of the Chair, the Members offered suggestions on important related issues as below:

- i. Dr. Deepa, ZSI : The ZSI is carrying out faunal studies in ATR and will submit the report soon informed the Board that they are ready to take up faunal studies in all PAs of Telangana with special focus on aquatic faunal species for which they have submitted a proposal to Forest Dept. and also informed that they are ready to depute their Scientist and field staff for participation in AITE--2021-22.
- ii. Dr. Rasingam, BSI. Informed that they are ready to depute their Scientist and field staff for participation in AITE--2021-22. Also requested to consider recommending land of 0.5 to 1.00 acre for establishing their office.
- iii. Sri. Avinash Viswanathan, FoSS: Want to conduct Telemetry studies on Snakes released in natural habitat to monitor post release behaviour, survival status and integration with natural habitat.
- iv. Sri. B.V. Subba Rao: Expressed need for Wildlife Extension Program with focus on addressing on man animal conflict and encourage peoples participation in conservation.
- v. Sri. Rajiv Mathew: Informed that Maharashtra has large number of man eating Tigers which could move towards Telangana through the corridor connecting KTR. He suggested increasing the prey base to reduce dependance on domestic cattle and prevent attack on human beings.

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- vi. Sri. Koneru Konappa, MLA Sirpur - Kagaznagar: Informed the Board that a strange behaviour among Tigers is noticed wherein the domestic cattle are killed frequently, but the meat is not eaten. He suggested a study on this to find out the reason for this kind of behaviour. It was also suggested to set up a Deer breeding centre in the Tiger corridor area in Kagaznagar and release the excess Deer bred in the captive facility into the wild to improve the prey base in corridor area instead of transporting the Deer from Hyderabad at a huge cost.
 - vii. Sri. V.Kishan, IFS (Retd): Stated that in the recent years there seems to be increase in the greenery in the Forest areas and also increase in the density of wildlife. He was of the opinion that the good rains in the recent years has contributed to this significantly.
 - viii. Sri. Kova Lakshmi: Expressed happiness that several PR roads under PMGSY have been recommended by the Board. She expressed that some of the roads under R&D Dept. like Jodeghat road, Bugga road and Keramery road are pending for wildlife clearance. The Member suggested construction of check dams and large PTs in Jodeghat area to benefit wild animals. Also suggested developing several waterfalls in this area as tourist centres.
 - ix. Sri. J.V.D. Murthy, Deccan Birders: Suggested to conduct bird festival in Telangana as is being done in UP and AP States. The Deccan Birders was requested to identify the location along with dates for conducting the Bird festival.
 - x. Sri. B. Manohar, MD, TSTDC: Expressed the readiness of his organization in helping in conducting the proposed Bird festival by providing logistic support like accommodation and boarding.
 - xi. Sri. S. Raghavender: Suggested involvement of corporate sector to play a larger role in promotion of eco-tourism, creating awareness towards conservation under CSR funding.
 - xii. Sri. Kripa Shankar, WCCB: Suggested opening more schools in villages which are now connected with PMGSY roads to create awareness among students towards conservation.
 - xiii. Sri. Anil K. Epur, WII: Suggested to conduct a meet with corporate sector to invite funding for research projects and encouraging studies on lesser known bio-diversity of Eastern Ghats.
 - xiv. The PCCF(HoFF) & CWLW : Speaking on the subject of Monkey menace in the state, informed that the problem is compounded due to people feeding Monkeys on highways passing through forest areas. Due to this the Monkey are not moving into interior forest in search of food. The PCCF also informed that, the Monkey Rescue Centre at Chincholi is fully functional and that the Panchayat Raj Dept. has been

addressed to advise all GP Sarpanches to send the Monkeys captured by them for sterilization and release thereon.

Concluding the meeting the PCCF (HoFF) & Chief Wildlife Warden expressed sincere thanks to the Hon'ble Minister for Forests and Environment, the MIA Sirpur-Kagaznagar and other Members for attending the meeting and contributing meaningfully to the discussions.

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 Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests
 & Chief Wildlife Warden
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 for Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests

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From:
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To:
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Rc.No. 2330/2021/S8, Dated: 12-12-2021.

Sir,

Sub :- TSFD-F(C)Act, 1980 -PMGSY (PR Department)-**Diversion of 1.5891Ha** of forest land for upgradation of Road to BT standard from **R&B road to Morriguda** of Kawal RF of Utnoor(FDPT) Forest Division of Adilabad District in favour of District Panchayath Raj Engineer, Adilabad - **Processed proposals submitted- Additional Information Submitted**- Reg.

Ref :- 1.PCCF TS, Hyd. Rc No. 14088/2020/FCA-2, Dt. 01.11.2021.
2. FDO, Utnoor(FDPT), Rc No. 132/2021/U/FCA, Dt. 01.12.2021.

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It is submitted that, Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests(HoFF), TS, Hyderabad vide reference 1st cited has informed to furnish additional information of proposed **Diversion of 1.5891Ha** of forest land for upgradation of Road to BT standard from **R&B road to Morriguda** of Kawal RF of Utnoor(FDPT) Forest Division of Adilabad District in favour of District Panchayath Raj Engineer, Adilabad.

Further the Forest Divisional Officer, Utnoor(FDPT) vide reference 2nd cited has submitted the additional information of proposed **Diversion of 1.5891Ha** of forest land for upgradation of Road to BT standard from **R&B road to Morriguda** of Kawal RF of Utnoor(FDPT) Forest Division of Adilabad District in favour of District Panchayath Raj Engineer, Adilabad. The information of point No(2) submitted by the FDO, Utnoor (FDPT) is shown below.

2. Legal Status of the existing road i.e., whether RoW or not, in case of RoW. Copy of RF notification clearly indication length and width of RoW allowed may please be submitted.

Reply: The above proposed road is falling in RF Kawal. The Gazette notification of Kawal RF did not mention about any right of ways. The Kawal RF Block area shown in Survey of India topo sheets of 56 I / 15 of 1985 surveyed in 1973-74 & 1975-76 is showing cart track in red lines. The alignment of proposed road matches partially with the cart track as shown in the SOI toposheet. The cart track which goes eastwards between points 43 & 44 on toposheet is the starting point of the proposed road. However, the proposed road partially Co-insides with the cart track shown on the toposheet. And indicative map showing the exiting cart track and proposed road alignment with arrow marks on SOI toposheet 56 I/15 is enclosed here with. Further, the right of way is not mentioned explicitly in notification and width of road is not mentioned in the notification. Hence, while processing the proposal, the entire road width proposed by the User Agency is taken for diversion.

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

Encl: as above

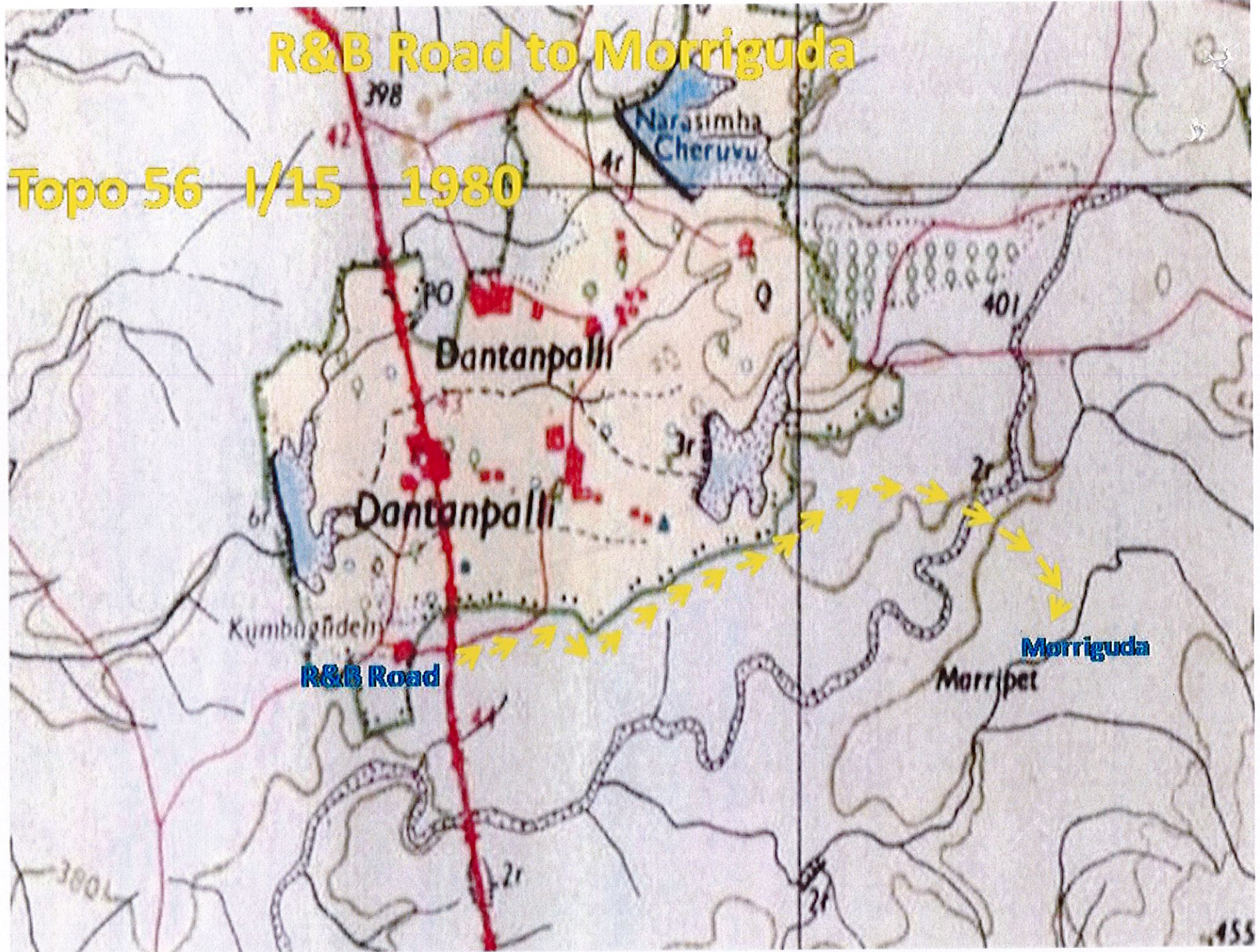
Yours faithfully,

Raj Sekhar Petla
District Forest Officer,
Adilabad.

Copy submitted to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests(HoFF), TS, Hyderabad for favour of kind information.

R&B Road to Morriguda

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