GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH FOREST DEPARTMENT



Rc.no.1965/2018-N9 Dated: .12.2020.

Office of the Divisional Forest Officer Narsipatnam

From
Sri K.Vinod Kumar, S.F.S.,
Divisional Forest Officer(FAC),
Narsipatnam.

To
The Conservator of Forests,
Visakhapatnam Circle,
Visakhapatnam.

Sir,

Sub:- APFD - FC Act 1980 - Proposal for diversion of **2.10 ha.** forest land for widening and strengthening of **Narsipatnam - Devipatnam Road from Km.7/4 to 12/0, 16/0 to 17/0, 21/0 to 25/0 & 29/500 to 30/0** in Visakhapatnam District in favour of EE, R&B, Paderu - EDS information submission - Reg.

Ref:- 1.Prl.CCF&HoFF,A.P.,Guntur Rc.no.EFS02-15034/15/2018-FCA/SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, dt.04.08.2020.

2.DFO, Narsipatnam Rc.no.1965/2018-N9, dt.17.10.2020.

3.Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam Rc.no.1813/2020/TO, dt.27.10.2020.

4.DFO, Narsipatnam Rc.no.1965/2018-N9, dt.11.11.2020.

5.Executive Engineer, R&B, Paderu Letter no. N D Road/RF/JTO/PDR, dt.05.12.2020.

In compliance to the reference 3rd cited, I submit that, in the reference 5th cited, the Executive Engineer, R&B, Paderu has submitted reply to the EDS raised by the Divisional Forest Officer, Narsipatnam vide reference 4th cited for processing the proposal for diversion of 2.10 ha. forest land for Widening and strengthening of Narsipatnam-Devipatnam road from Km.7/4 to 12/0, 16/0 to 17/0, 21/0 to 25/0 to 29/500 to 30/0 including construction of Culverts in Golugonda Mandal passing through Compt. no. 1205, 1206, 1207 & 1208 of Arilova RF in Arilova Beat, Narsipatnam Section of Narsipatnam Range and requested for further process of the proposal. The Executive Engineer, R&B, Paderu has submitted the following pending (EDS) information.

- 1. RoFR Form-I certificate issued by the District Collector, Visakhapatnam vide File no.REV-FSEC0GNR/6/2020-DT(F)-VSKPCO, dt.02.12.2020.
- 2. Regarding Compensatory Afforestation, the Executive Engineer, R&B, Paderu is requested to exemption from providing CA land as per the guidelines issued by the MoEF&CC, New Delhi vide F.No.11-9/98, dt.16.06.2011 & 10.12.2012 "no compensatory afforestation in lieu of the forest land diverted in accordance with the said general approval shall be insisted upon involving not more than 5.00 ha. of

forest land in 60 Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected Districts, the Visakhapatnam District is one of the LWE district (1 of 60).

As per the above the proposals may be exempted from the CA as it is covered in LWE District under the guidelines issued by the MoEF&CC, New Delhi vide F.No.11-9/98, dt.16.06.2011 & 10.12.2012. Hence, it is submitted that the proposals along with the information submitted by the User agency is enclosed herewith for onward submission to the Prl.CCF&HoFF, A.P., Guntur for further process.

This is submitted for favour of kind information and necessary action. Encl: (5) sets of proposals & above copies.

Yours faithfully,

Divisional Forest Officer

Narsipatnam

Copy to the Executive Engineer, R&B, Paderu for information and necessary action.

PART-II

(To be filled by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests)

State serial No. of proposal: FP/AP/ROAD/44481/2020

7	Location of the project/Scheme	***************************************	Diversion of 2.10 ha. forest land for Widening and strengthening of proposed stretch of road from Km. 8/0 to 11/457 in Narsipatnam-Devipatnam road from Km.7/4 to 12/0, 16/0 to 17/0, 21/0 to 25/0 to 29/500 to 30/0 falls in Compt. no.1205, 1206, 1207 & 1208 of Arilova RF in Arilova Beat, Narsipatnam Section of Narsipatnam Range in Narsipatnam Division in favour of Executive Engineer, R&B, Paderu under FC Act 1980.
	Total length	:	Road length is 3456.430 m. & 4 no. culverts length is 132 m. length is falling in RF.
	(i) State	:	Andhra Pradesh
	(ii) District	:	Visakhapatnam
	(iii) Forest Division	:	Narsipatnam
	(iv) Area of Forest Land proposed for diversion.	:	Area: 2.10 ha.
	(v) Legal status of forests	:	Arilova RF - Under Section 15 of A.P. Forest Act,1967.
	(vi) Density of vegetation	:	The density of the forest in the nearby vicinity of the proposed road is about 0.5
	(vii) Species – wise (scientific names) and diameter class-wise enumeration of trees (to be enclosed. In case of irrigation/hydel projects enumeration at FRL, FRL-2 meter & FRL-4 meter also to be enclosed).	:	There are 31 Trees (28 Teak and 3 no. of Non-Teak) existing in the proposed width of the Road.
	(viii) Brief note on vulnerability of the forest area to erosion.	:	There is no vulnerability of forest area to erosion.

	(ix) Approximate distance of proposed site for diversion from boundary of forests.	1.	Passing through the Reserve forest.
	boundary of forests.		
	(x) Whether forms part of National Park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, elephant corridor, etc. (If so, the details of the area and comments of the Chief Wildlife Warden to be annexed).	:	No
	(xi) Whether any rare/ endangered/unique species of flora and fauna found in the area-if so details thereof.	:	No
	(xii) Whether any protected archaeological/heritage site/ defence establishment or any other important monument is located in the area. If so, the details thereof with NOC from competent authority, if required.	:	No
8	Whether any requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency in col.2 of Part-I is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project. If no, recommended area item-wise with details of alternatives examined.	:	Yes, unavoidable and barest minimum.
9	Whether any work in violation of the Act has been carried out (Yes/No). If yes, details of the same including period of work done, action taken on erring officials. Whether work in violation is still in progress.	:	No
10	Details of compensatory afforestation scheme :		
	(i) Details of non-forest area/degraded forest area identified for compensatory afforestation, its distance from adjoining forest, number of patches, size of each patch.	•	Does not arise.
	(ii) Map showing non-forest/degraded forest are identified for compensatory	·	Does not arise.

- 51g	afforestation and adjoining forest boundaries.		
	(iii) Detailed compensatory afforestation scheme including species to be planted, implementing agency, time schedule, cost structure, etc.	•	The CA land is exempted as per the GOI, MoEF (FC Division) F.no.11-9/98-FC, dt.16.06.2011 & 10-12-2012 under section (2) of FC Act, 1980 for diversion of Forest land for creation of public utility infrastructure to Govt. departments involving not more than 5 ha. of Forest land in each case by the State Government for the LWE affected Districts.
19	(iv) Total financial outlay for compensatory afforestation scheme	:	Does not arise.
. 100g	(V) Certificate from competent authority regarding suitability of area identified for compensatory afforestation and from management point of view (To be signed by the concerned Deputy Chief Conservator of Forests).	:	Does not arise.
11	Site inspection report of the DCF (to be enclosed) especially highlighting facts asked in col.7 (xi, xii), 8 and 9 above.	:	Enclosed
12	Division/District profile		
	(i) Geographical area of the Division.	:	3,971.02 Sq.Km.
	(ii) Forest area of the Division	:	2,343.67 Sq.Km.
	(iii) Total forest area diverted since 1980 with number of cases.	:	Stage-II approval: 1 no 19.67 ha. Stage-I approval:37 no114.327 ha. Total: 38 no 133.997 ha.
	iv) Total compensatory afforestation stipulated in the district/division since 1980 on wards.		
90	(a) Forest land including penal compensatory afforestation	•	Nil
	(b) Non-forest land.	:	449.42 ha.
	(V) Progress of compensatory afforestation as on (date)	•	
	(a) Forest land	:	Nil

	(b) Non-Forest land	:	Out of 449.42 ha., the area suitable is only 269.35 ha. The balance 180.07
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13	Specific recommendations of the DCF for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with reasons.	:	The proposed road is recommended with the following conditions in the interest of Forests and Wildlife Conservation.
			1. The User agency shall restrict the tree felling minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of local forest officer and large trees having wildlife importance shall not be disturbed.
			 The User agency shall raise strip plantation on both sides and central verge of the road as per the IRC norms.
			3. Adequate number of ramblers / speed breakers and underground/ over passages shall be provided to facilitate movement of wildlife and to avoid accidents as recommended by CWLW/ NBWL/FAC/REC.
			 Display board at starting and ending point showing details of forest land involved in diversion and clearly mentioning the status of land as 'Forest land'.
			5. Suitable protection structures shall be included in the proposed road is having steep gradient to avoid soil erosion.
			 All DGPS surveyed points shall be clearly demarcated on the field and proposed alignment shall be followed.
			7. The User agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act,1986, if applicable.

- 8. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
- 9. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- 10. Sufficient fire wood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.
- 11.No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
- 12. The period of diversion under this approval shall be coterminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.
- 13. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
- 14. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India.
- 15. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF&CC guideline F.No.11-42/2017-FC, dt.29.01.2018.
- 16.Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulated from time to time in the interest of conservation,

protection and development of forests & wildlife.

17. The compliance report shall be uploaded on *e-portal* (https://parivesh.nic.in/).

The required forest area is unavoidable for the project and with in the approved / permitted width as per the above said Gazette notifications. Due to this project there is no threat to the local flora, fauna and there is no archeological heritage importance in this locality.

Signature:

Name : Sri K.Vinod Kumar, S.F.S.,

Office Seal: DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER

NARSIPATNAM

Date:14.12.2020.

Place: Narsipatnam.

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH ROADS & BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT

From, Sri. S.Venugopala Rao, M.E., Executive Engineer (R&B), FAC R&B Division PADERU

To
The Divisional Forest Officer
NARSIPATNAM



Letter No. N D Road / RF / JTO / PDR Dt. 05 - 12 - 2020

Sir,

Sub:- R&B Department - **Diversion of 2.10 Hectares of Forest Land** for the work "Widening & Strengthening of Narsipatnam - Devipatnam Road from Km 7/4 - 12/0, 16/0 - 17/0, 21/0 - 25/0 & 29/5 - 30/0 in Visakhapatnam District " - Proposal under Section-2 of Forest Conservation Act 1980 - **FORM -1 Certificate issued by the District Collector, Visakhapatnam - Submitted** - Processing of Proposal - Exemption from providing Compensatory Afforestation Land - Requested - Regarding

Ref:- 1. Administrative Sanction vide G.O. Rt.No.186 Transport, Roads & Buildings (R - IV) Department, dated: 27 - 06 - 2017

- 2. Letter RC No. 1965 / 2018 N 9 dated : 09 12- 2019 of the DFO, Narsipatnam addressed to the District Collector, Visakhapatnam
- 3. Lr. No. N D Road / RF / JTO / PDR Dt. 07 -12 2019 of the Executive Engineer (R&B) Paderu

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I submit that the previously a letter was addressed to the DFO, Narsipatnam vide the 3rd reference for issue of Form -1 Certificate under ROFR Act for Diversion of 2.10 Hectares of Reserve Forest Land for the above Road work.

In this connections it is submit that the FORM-1 Certificate is issued by the District Collector, Visakhapatnam, vide File No. REV - F Sec 0GNR / 6 / 2020 - DT (F) - VSKP CO dated 02. 12. 2020, for the above work and the same is herewith submitted for further process of the proposal.

I submit that this road connects the tribal villages of Koyyuru, Chintapalli, Rajapakalu, Pedavalasa etc., and this roads is very necessity for the Medical needs, educational needs and Agricultural needs of tribal as this is the only road connecting Market centre at Narsipatnam and District Head Quarter of Visakapatnam. I further submit that Compensatory Afforestation is exempted for the LWE effected villages wide F.No. 11-9/98 FC dated 16-06-2011. The Visakhapatnam district in the state of Andhra Pradesh has listed in Special exemptions for left wing extremists effected districts for implementation of IAP. Since the diversion of forest land required for widening the road is 2.10 Ha and RF Land to be diverted for Road works is Less than 5.0 Hectares, and it is exempted from providing Compensatory Afforestation to Forest Department from our User Agency. Since our proposal requires only 2. 10 Hectares in this case, I am requesting the Forest Department to please grant EXEMPTION from providing C A Land as this road is very much essential to the tribal villages for their daily needs.

This is submitted for favour of information taking further necessary action at the earliest.

Encl:- 1. FORM - 1 Certificate

Special exemptions for LWE efects districts Yours faithfully.

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER(R&B) FAC (R&B) DIVISION: PADERU

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FORM-I

(For Linear projects)
Government of Andhra Pradesh
Office of the District Collector
Visakhapatnam

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TO WHOM SO EVER IT MAY CONCERN

In Compliance of the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF), Government of India letter No. 11-9/98-FC(Pt), dated 3rd August 2009 Wherein the MoEF Issued guidelines on submission of evidences for having initiated and completed the process of settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Right) Act, 2006 (FRA" For Short) on the Forest land proposed to be diverted for non forest purposes read with MoEF's letter dated 5th February, 2013 wherein MoEF issued certain relaxation in respect of linear projects it is certified that the total area covered is 2.10 hectare of Reserve Forest Land proposed to be diverted in favour of Executive Engineer, Roads & Buildings Department, Paderu Division, (Name of user agency) for laying of the road "Widening and strengthening of Narsipatnam – Devipatnam Road from km. 7/4 - 12/0, 16/0 - 17/0, 21/0 - 25/0 & 29/5 - 30/0 in Visakhapatnam District," (Purpose for diversion of Forest Land) in Visakhapatnam District, falls within the jurisdiction of Cheedigummala Yerravaram to Pappusettipalem Villages of Golugonda Mandal of Visakhapatnam District. Arilova RF & Beat in Narsipatnam Range, in Compartment No. 1206,1207 & 1208.

It is further certified that:

- a. The complete process for identification and settlement of rights under the FRA has been carried out for the entire 2.10 hectares of forest area proposed for diversion, (A copy of resolution of Grama Sabha (s) is enclosed as annexureto ...)
- b. The diversion of forest land for facilities managed by the Government as required under section 3(2) of the FRA have been completed and the Grama Sabhas have given their consent to it;
- c. The proposal does not involve recognized right of Primitive Tribal Groups and Pre-Agricultural Communities.

V. VINAY CHAND, IAS District Collector, Visakhapatnam

Signed by V.vinay Chand las Date: 02-12-2020 14:24:41 Reason: Approved



Special exemptions for left wing extremists effected districts for implementsation of IAP

58	The State of the S	Sundargarh
59	Uttar Pradesh	Sonbhadra
60	West Bengal	Medinipur West

F. No. 11-9/98-FC

Dated: 16.06,2011

Sub: General approval under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of forest land for creation of critical public utility infrastructure by Government Departments involving not more than 5.00 hectares of forest land in each case in 60 Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected districts- Reg.

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letters of even number Dated 13.05.2011 wherein this Ministry in partial modification of its earlier letter of even number Dated 03.11.2010 further relaxed the existing general approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion forest land for creation of critical public utility infrastructure by Government Departments from 2.00 Ha of forest land in each case to 5.00 Ha of forest land in each case 60 (sixty) Left Wing Extremism affected districts and to say that in partial modification of the condition indicated at sl. No. (ii) and (iv) at Page-2 of the said letter Dated 13.05.2011, no compensatory afforestation in lieu of the forest land diverted in accordance with the said general approval shall be insisted

I am further to say that all those proposals where decision on diversion of forest land could be taken by the State Government in accordance with the said general approval, but have already been submitted to this Ministry or its Regional Offices and the decision on diversion of forest land indicated in these proposals has not been taken by the Ministry or its Regional Offices to far, will be returned back to the respective State/UT Governments for taking decision in accordance with

> (HC Chaudhary) Assistant Inspector General of Forms

E. No. 11-9/98-FC

Dated: 10.12.2011

Sub: General approval under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversity of forest land for creation of critical public utility infrastructure by Government Depart involving not more than 5.00 hectares of forest land in each case in 60 Left Wing Extrement

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letters of even number Dated 13.05.2011 read will Ministry's letter of even number Dated 16.06.2011, on the above mentioned subject, where Ministry accorded general approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 19 diversion forest land for creation of critical public utility infrastructure of 13 categories, specithis Ministry's said letter Dated.13.05,2011, by the Government Departments involving not than 5.00 Ha of forest land in each case in 60 (sixty) Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected dis identified by the Planning Commission and the Ministry of Home Affairs for implementation

of the Integrated Action Plan (IAP), and to say that the said general approval is extended to the additional 22 districts identified by the Planning Commission and the Ministry of Home Affairs for implementation of the LAP. Details of the said 22 districts is annexed.

The general approval to the above-indicated 22 districts shall be subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated by this Ministry in its letters of even number Dated 13.05.2011 read with this Ministry's letter of even number Dated 16.06.2011.

(HC Chaudhary) Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Annexure

22 LEFT WING EXTREMISM AFFECTED DISTRICTS IDENTIFIED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF INTEGRATED ACTION PLAN

S. No.	State	District
1	Andhra Pradesh	Vishakhapatnam
2	Andhra Pradesh	East Godavari
3	Andhra Pradesh	Warangal
4	Andhra Pradesh	Karimaagar
5	Andhra Pradesh	Srikakulam
6	Andhra Pradesli	Vizianagaram
7	Bihar	Munger
8	Bihar	Kamur
9	Jharkhand	Khanta
10	Jharkhand	Ranch (Rurah
11	Jharkhand	Giddih
2	Odisha	Ganiam
3	Odisha	Nayagarh
4	Odisha	lappor
5	Uttar Pradesh	Chandauli
16	Uttar Pradesh	Mirzapur
7	West Bengal	Bankura
18	West Bengal	Purulia
AP-III		
	Bihar	Sitamarhi
	Bihar	West Champaran
	Madhya Pradesh	Chindwara
	Madhya Pradesh	Singrauli