

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

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Dated:19.09.2022

From
The Special Chief 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,
Green House Complex,
Gopal Reddy Road, Vijayawada-520010 (w.e)

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 4.54 ha of forest land in Compartment No.297, Pulikundram RF /Pulikundram Beat, Puttur Range of Chittoor East (WL) Division 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 in favour of the Project Director, NHAI, PIU, Chittoor - Proposal submitted under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Additional information submission of -Reg.

Ref: 1)From the PCCF&HoFF, A.P., Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15034/135/2018-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-1, Dated:18.06.2022.
2)State Govt.Lr.No.1487/Sec.II/2022, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., dt.13.07.2022.
3)From the IGF(Central), GoI, MoEF&CC, IRO, Vijayawada,Lr.F.No.4-APB182/2022-VIJ/493, dt.05.08.2022.
4)From the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15034/135/2018-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-1, dated.12.09.2022.

With reference to your letter 3rd cited, I am to inform that in the reference 4th cited, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, has submitted the following additional information and requested to forward the same to Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Vijayawada for taking necessary action under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1890. The details of additional information are as follows:-

Sl.No.	Additional Information sought by GoI, MoEF&CC, IRO, Vijayawada	Information submitted by PCCF & HoFF
1.	Map clearly depicting the alternative routes examined along with the note on each such alternative examined (includes actual forest area involved number of trees to be felled, cost, displacement of people, if any, etc).	The User Agency has exercised for all other alternative routes (5 options) for diversion of forest area. Out of the 5 options, the option No.2 of the proposal is having shortest distance passing in the Reserve 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 (iii) Cost:Rs.30,54,849/- (value of tree growth as per Offence FSR 2022-23) and (iv) Displacement of people: NIL. Map clearly depicting the alternative routes examines along with the note is enclosed submitted by the User Agency.

2.	Authenticated beat map clearly depicting the RF boundary and the road alignment proposed diversion.	Beat map clearly depicting the RF boundary and the road alignment proposed for diversion is enclosed. The proposed 4.54 ha area is falling in Compt.No.297, Pulikundram RF, Pulikundram Beat of Puttur Range. As per the topo sheet map, the proposed area of diversion is falling outside the RF area. But, as per the Gazettee Notification of Pulikundram RF, the entire proposed area is falling inside the Pulikundram RF.
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2. I request you to consider the above additional information and obtain and communicate the stage-I approval of Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Vijayawada for diversion of 4.54 ha of forest land in Compartment No.297, Pulikundram RF /Pulikundram Beat, Puttur Range of Chittoor East (WL) Division 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 in favour of the Project Director, NHAI, PIU, Chittoor, at the earliest.

Yours faithfully,


for Special Chief Secretary to Government

Copy to:

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Andhra Pradesh, Guntur.

The Project Director, NHAI, PIU,

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