

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

Rc.No:1107/2018-D1,
Dated: 18 -12-2021.

Office of the District Forest Officer,
Kakinada Division, Kakinada.

From
Sri.I.K.V.Raju, S.F.S.,
District Forest Officer,
Kakinada Division,
Kakinada.

To
The Chief Conservator of Forests,
Rajahmundry Circle,
Rajamahendravaram.

Sir,

Sub: APFD – F(c) Act 1980 – Diversion of 5.27 ha of forest land in Kakinada Division for formation of road from Pandirimamidi to Chavitidibbalu road in favour of Executive Engineer, R&B, Rajamahendravaram – Field Inspection Report and Part-II - Submission – Reg.

Ref:1.PCCF (HoFF), AP, Guntur Rc.No.EFS02/19/2019-FCA SEC- PCCF/FCA-3; Dt:02-07-2021.

2.CCF, Rjy Rc.No.671/2020-D1; Dt:14-07-2021.

3.EE, R&B, RJY Lr.No.JTO3/FC ACT/ Pandirimamidi to Chavitidibbalu; Dt:16-07-2021.

4.This office Rc.No.1107/2018-D1; Dt:22-07-2021.

5.FRO, Sudikonda Rc.no.377/2019; Dt:17-11-2021.

6.SDFO, RC Varam Rc.no.01/2021; Dt:19-11-2021.

7.FRO, Kakinada Rc.no.84/2021; Dt:26-11-2021.

8.This office Rc.No.1107/2018-D1; Dt:30-11-2021.

9.FRO, Sudikonda Rc.No.377/2019; Dt:16-12-2021.

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It is submitted that, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Andhra Pradesh, Guntur has accepted the road proposals for diversion of 5.27 ha of forest land in Kakinada Division for formation of road from Pandirimamidi to Chavitidibbalu road in favour of Executive Engineer, R&B, Rajamahendravaram vide reference 1st cited above and issued instructions to the user agency to submit Hard copies of the proposals. Accordingly, the Executive Engineer, R&B, Rajamahendravaram has submitted the hard copies of the proposals to the undersigned vide reference 3rd cited.

Further, the proposals were forwarded to the Forest Range Officer, Sudikonda vide reference 4th cited for field verification. Accordingly, the Sub-Divisional Forest Officer, Rampachodavaram and the Forest Range Officer, Sudikonda have inspected the proposed area and submitted their reports vide references 5th, 6th and 9th cited.

Further, the Site Inspection was conducted on 18-11-2021 by undersigned along with concerned staff. As per my field inspection and inspection reports of the concerned staff and as per the proposals submitted by the user agency the following are the observations.

1. The proposed road is passing through Comp.no.395 & 396 of Bolagonda RF of Bheemavaram Beat and Compt.no.750 of Tadepalli PF of D.Velamalakota Beat of Sudikonda Range.
2. Total length proposed is 9869.0 mts with a width of 9.00 mts.
3. Existing width of the road is 3.66 mts and to be diverted area width is 5.34 mts i.e., total width proposed for the road is 9.0 mts.
4. Proposed Area Details are as follows.

S. no	Compt no	Name of the RF	Length (mtrs)	Width (mtrs)	Area required (ha)
1	395, 396	Bolagonda RF	2398	5.34 (9.00-3.66)	1.280
2	750	Tadepalli PF	7471	5.34 (9.00-3.66)	3.990
		Total:	9869		5.270

5. The average density of the adjoining forest is 0.5 to 0.6 in Bolagonda RF and 0.2 to 0.3 in Tadepalli PF.
6. Total No.of trees need to be felled are 682 nos in Bolagonda RF and Tadepalli PF.

Sl. No	Comp t no.	Name of the RF/PF	No.of trees		Qty	Value in Rs.
1	395, 396	Bolagond a RF	Non Teak	526	199.968 cmt	18,78,840
			Fuel		31.32 tonnes	67,604
			Palmarah	60	-	40,675
			Bamboo -Sadanam	1	-	833
			Bamboo -Mollem	3	-	3,606
			Sub Total	590		19,91,558
2	750	Tadepalli PF	Non Teak	32	2.655 cmt	51,904
			Fuel		11.01 tonnes	23,772
			Palmarah	60	-	40,675
			Sub Total	92		1,16,351
			Grand total	682		21,07,909

7. The vegetation comprises of variety of flora species such as *Xylia xylocarpa*, *Lagerstroemia parviflora*, *Dalbergia latifolia*, *Pterocarpus marsupium*, *Terminalia tomentosa* etc., and bush growth in Bolagonda RF & Tadepalli PF.
8. The fauna like spotted deer and wild boar etc., occur in the proposed area.
9. The area has steep slope and hilly terrain, which makes it vulnerable to erosion in Bolagonda RF.

10. The forest area required for formation of the road is criss crossed by water streams in Bolagonda RF.
11. During field inspection, no heavy traffic was noticed. Auto and Van are main mode of transportation used by villagers for commuting.
12. The user agency has identified CA land over an extent of 5.90 ha near Turangi (v) of Kakinada Range, Kakinada Division.
13. The Forest Range Officer, Kakinada has submitted Action Plan, vide reference 7th cited above, for an amount of Rs.108.41 lakh for Afforestation of the above CA area (5.90 ha) including raising and its maintenance for 10 years.

In this connection, it is to submit that, the proposals for diversion of 5.27 ha of forest land in Kakinada division for formation of road from Pandirimamidi to Chavitidibbalu road in favour of Executive Engineer, R&B, Rajamahendravaram may be accepted with the following mitigation measures and special conditions.

1. The road width may be aligned to minimize the tree felling to the extent possible.
2. Speed breakers, display boards, reflectors and warning signs should be placed as safeguard for wildlife by the user agency at the cost of user agency.
3. Culverts, Causeway bridges may be constructed for protection of natural streams by the user agency at the cost of user agency.
4. Felling of Heritage trees/Sacred trees identified by the forest department may be avoided.
5. Side drains should be constructed for controlling of soil erosion by the user agency at the cost of user agency.
6. SMC works like STs etc., to be undertaken by forest department at the cost of user agency in and around the diverted area in Bolagonda RF.
7. Construction of retention / toe walls to arrest sliding down of the excavated material along with contour by the user agency at the cost of user agency.

In addition to the above, the permission may be accorded to the user agency for diversion of 5.27 ha of forest land in Kakinada division for formation of road from Pandirimamidi to Chavitidibbalu road in favour of Executive Engineer, R&B, Rajamahendravaram subject to the following conditions.

- a) The status of the area remains as Forest land.
- b) The proposed area is meant only for what the user agency has sought for but not for any other commercial purposes whatever it may be.
- c) The user agency should inform the commencement of the work.

- d) The user agency should invariably demarcate the proposed land for diversion with any suitable permanent stones/ pillars. After demarcation only the works should be commenced.
- e) The user agency should not resort to excavate the surrounding forest land for collection of earth to be used in laying of road. If such excavation is found during work period or later the user agency and its site in-charge Officer will be charged with suitable provisions of relevant Acts.
- f) The diversion work will be executed under the supervision of the Forest department.
- g) The user agency shall obey to any other conditions stipulated by the Forest department as per Acts and Rules.
- h) For every violation which attracts the provisions of A.P.Forest Act, 1967 and Forest (Conservation Act), 1980 the user agency is solely responsible for violations if any.
- i) The user agency shall give an undertaking in accordance to the condition stipulated.

In this connection, it is to submit that, the proposed area for diversion of 5.27 ha of forest land in Kakinada division for formation of road from Pandirimamidi to Chavitidibbalu road in favour of Executive Engineer, R&B, Rajamahendravaram may be accepted as per the rules in vogue.

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

Encl: As above.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/- I.K.V.Raju
District Forest Officer,
Kakinada Division, Kakinada.

Copy submitted to the Distirct Collector, East Godavari District, Kakinada for favour of kind information.

Copy submitted to the Project officer, ITDA, Rampachodavaram for favour of kind information.

Copy to the Sub-Divisional Forest Officer, Rampachodavaram for information and necessary action.

Copy to the Forest Range Officer, Sudikonda for information and necessary action. They are directed to ensure that no work inviolation of F(C) Act, 1980 takes place. They are requested to see that the said proposed work is not commenced in anticipation of the permission from compitent authority.

Sd/- I.K.V.Raju
District Forest Officer,
Kakinada Division, Kakinada.

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Technical Officer 10/12/2024