

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

Rc.No:4905/2019-D1,
Dated: -08-2023.

Office of the Divisional Forest Officer,
Rampachodavaram Division,
Rampachodavaram.

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

Sir,

Sub: APFD – F(c) Act 1980 – Proposal for diversion of 4.08 ha of forest land in Rampachodavaram Division for formation of road from Sunnampadu to Thurruru in favour of Executive Engineer, PR, PIU Division, Kakinada., – Field Inspection Report and Part-II – Submission of – Reg.

Ref: 1.PCCF, AP, Guntur Rc.No.EFS02-15034/64/2020/FCA-3,Dt.28.01.22.
2.DFO, Kakinada Rc.no.4905/2019-D1,dt.01.02.2022.
3.ExecutiveEngineer, PR(PIU) Division, Kakinada Lr.Rc.No. AE1/DB/
RCPLWE/Sunnampadu/Forest clearance /2020, dt.23.03.2022.
4.Executive Engineer, PR(PIU) Division, Kakinada Lr.Rc.No. DB/PIU
RCPLWE /Forest clearance /2022, dt.25.12.2022.
5. This Office Rc.no 4905/2019/D1(i), Dt.03.01.2023.
6.PCCF (HoFF), AP, Guntur, Rc.No.EFS02-17/23/2020/IT,Dt:20.02.2023.
7. Executive Engineer, PR (PIU) Division, Kakinada, Lr.Rc.No.
AEE4/DMF/2023, Dt. 04-07-2023.
8. This Office Rc.no 4905/2019/D1(i), Dt.03.07.2023.
9. This Office Rc.no 4905/2019/D1(i), Dt.17.07.2023.
10. PCCF (HoFF), AP, Mangalagiri, Rc.No.EFS02-17/23/2020-IT, Dt.01-08-2023.
11. This Office Rc.No.4905/2019-D1, Dt.09.06.2023.
12. FRO, RC Varam Rc.no.05/2021; Dt:25.07.2023.

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It is to inform that, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Andhra Pradesh, Guntur and the Chief Conservator of Forests, Rajahmundry Circle, Rajamahendravaram have issued permission for submission of proposal for diversion of 4.08 ha of forest land in Rampachodavaram Division for formation of road from Sunnampadu to Thurruru in favour of Executive Engineer, PR, PIU Division, Kakinada.vide reference 3rd and 4th cited. Accordingly, the Executive Engineer, R&B, Rajamahendravaram has submitted the hard copies of the proposals to the undersingend vide reference 3rd cited.

Further, the proposals were forwarded to the Forest Range Officers, Rampachodavaram vide reference 10th cited for field verification. Accordingly, the Forest Range Officer, Rampachodavaram was inspected the proposed area and submitted their reports vide references 11th cited.

Further, the Site Inspection was conducted on 17.07.2023 by me 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.

It is submitted that, the proposed road is passing through the Rampachodavaram Range (4.08 ha) i.e., total proposed area is 4.08 ha.

1. The proposed road passing through (2) Revenue habitations i.e., (1) Ramannavalasa – 115 Households (2) Thurruru – 55 Households.
2. Total length proposed is 5439.33 mts.
3. Proposed Area Details are as follows.

S. no	Compt no	Name of the RF	Length (mtrs)	Width (mtrs)	Area required (ha)	Remarks
1	348	Nurupudi West RF	1650.00	7.50	1.238	Recommended
2	752	Devarapalli PF	1563.33	7.50	1.172	
3	-	Enclosure	2226.00	7.50	1.670	
Total:			5439.33		4.08	

4. The existing forest is high density forest with canopy density of 0.7 and above in the adjoining proposed road.
5. The proposed road is passing through 1980 Teak Plantation 63Ha. Nurupudi Series
6. There is an existing Right of way to the proposed road.
7. The proposed road shall be permitted for existing width only in the Reserve Forest and BT road shall be formed for a width of 3.50 - 4.00 mtrs only.(3.50 mtrs BT road and 2.00 mtrs berms on the both side)
8. Total No.of trees need to be felled are **190** nos (Misc.180 and Teak 10) in Comp.no.752 of Devarapalli Protected Forest, **887** nos (Misc.854 and Teak 33) in Comp.no.348, Nurupudi West RF in Devarapalli Beat and **123** nos (Misc.122 and Teak 1) in Thurruru enclosure in Devarapalli Beat of Rampachodavaram Range.Details are shown below.

Sl. No	Compt no.	Name of the RF/PF	No.of trees		Qty	Value in Rs.	Remarks
1	348	Nurupudi West RF	Misc.Trees	854	182.771	2333678	Recommended for felling
			Teak Trees	33	4.733	305076	
			total	887	187.504	2638754	
3	752	Devarapalli PF	Misc.Trees	180	77.774	1290002	
4			Teak Trees	10	4.042	324111	
			total	190	81.816	1614113	
5	--	enclosure	Misc.Trees	122	101.350	258891	
			Teak Trees	1	0.428	32057	
			total	123	101.78	290948	
		Grand total		1200	371.098	4543815	

9. The trees including Prohibited and Reserved trees under A.P. Private Forest Rules 1978 are to be removed as per the proposals of the user agency if the road is permitted with a width of 7.50 mtrs.

10. The Vegetation comprises of variety of flora species such as Bandaru (*Adina cordifolia*) Thuniki (*Diospyros melanoxylon*) Bodda (*Careya arborea*) Busi (*Schleichera oleosa*) Bamboo (*Dendrocalamus strictus*) Chennangi (*Lagerstroemia parviflora*) Chilakadudduga (*Polyalthia cerasoides*) Sandra (*Albizia odoratissima*) Chirumanu (*Anogeissus latifolia*) Dudippa (*Hymenodictyon excelsum*) in comp.no. compt.no.348 of Nurupudi West RF, compt.no.752 of Devarapalli PF and Thurruru enclosure of Devarapalli Beat of Rampachodavaram Range.
11. There are no wild life movement in the said proposed area, as the said area is covered with villages and people movement.
12. No RoFR pattas were granted/applied by the villagers and no podu cultivations / Encroachments is done in proposed area.
13. The stone packing is required for protecting the soil erosion at existing culverts of the both sides of the proposed road
14. The proposed area is not a part of any Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve or Elephant corridor and No Archeologically important structures are present in the proposed area
15. The proposed road area is 5.72 Kms away from the Papikonda National Park and inside the default Eco sensitive zone of the Papikonda National Park
16. During field inspection, no heavy traffic was noticed. Two wheelers and auto are main mode of transportation used by villagers for commuting and local people expressed the opinion it needs to widening and BT surface

Further, the permission may be accorded to the user agency for diversion of 4.08 ha of forest land in Rampachodavaram division for formation of road from Sunnampadu to Thurruru in favour of Executive Engineer, PR, PIU Division, Kakinada 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.
 - j) 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.
 - k) There is rocky patch at N17.503424, E 81.710075 on the side of the road. Big boulders are existing if required to be removed, the same shall be carried out

without blasting. The quarrying of stone will lead to soil erosion. Necessary measure should be taken to control the erosion nearby the boulder patch.

- I) In Reserve Forest and certain areas of Protected forest area the adjacent land to the road is prone to erosion. To contain erosion, a Retaining wall/Grouting or any other suitable method shall be implemented.
- m) The proposed road is passing along the stream. In the inspection it is found that the bank of the stream on which road is proposed to be laid is undergoing erosion due to the high degree of slope and regular disturbance due to vehicular movement. Riveting and proper stabilization work with stone mason or suitable works shall be done for the northern slope along the side of the streams to prevent further erosion and soil loss.
- n) Adjacent to Reserve Forest and Protected Forest fire line on the ground level of 5.00 metres width shall be created and maintained for the span of 10 years.

I. Compensatory Afforestation area:

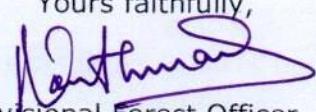
1. The user agency has identified CA land over an extent of 4.37 ha in Turangi village of Kakinada Rural Mandal of Kakinada Section of Kakinada Range.
2. The identified CA land was full of Mangrove vegetation and contains good regeneration mangrove growth is natural and luxuriant growth and There is no possibility to take up plantation in CA area.
3. In this regard, issued instructions to the Forest Range Officer, Rajavommangi to identify the degraded forest land over an extent of 4.37 ha. The Forest Range Officer, Rajavommangi identified the 4.37 ha degraded forest land (DFL) identified in Compt No 530, Rajavommangi RF of Rajavommangi Range of Rampachodavaram Division and The Forest Range Officer, Rajavommangi has inspected the above degraded forest land area along with concerned staff on 24.06.2023 and submitted the Compensatory Afforestation scheme with a financial out lay of Rs.34.00 lakh for implementation over a period of 12 years vide reference 8th cited.

In this connection, it is to submit that, the proposals for diversion of 4.08 ha of forest land in Rampachodavaram division for formation of road from Sunnampadu to Thurruru road in favour of Executive Engineer, PR, PIU Division, Kakinada may be accepted with the following recommendations.

- It is recommended 3.50 Mtrs width of BT road is sufficient for public transportation within the Reserve Forest to conserve such high forests and 7.50m width may be accepted for the PF and enclosure areas.
- The proposals may be accepted if the road formation is taken duly considering Wildlife and Soil conservation measures through a separate Wildlife and SMC plan for this Road project.**

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

Encl: As above.

Yours faithfully,

Divisional Forest Officer,
Rampachodavaram Division,
Rampachodavaram.
(04/06/2023)