

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From  
Sri P.Ramakrishna, IFS.,  
Conservator of Forests,  
Kurnool Circle, Kurnool.

To  
The Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests &  
Head of Forest Force,  
Andhra Pradesh,  
GUNTUR.

**Rc.No.1885/2017-TO, Dated: 29.11.2021**

Sir,

Sub:- APFD – F(C)Act, 1980 - Proposals for diversion of 11.03 Ha. of forest land in Compt.No.253, Kavalakuntla Ext. RF in Porumamilla Range of Proddatur (WL) Division for upgradation of NH 167B from KM 51/00 to KM 58/500 i.e., from Porumamilla to Chandrasekharapuram to two lanes with paved shoulders under NHDP-IV in the State of Andhra Pradesh – Additional information – Submission off – Reg.

Ref:- 1) PCCF, AP, Guntur Rc.No.EFS02-15034/24/2018-FCA-SEC-PCCF/ FCA-1, Dt.20.11.2021  
2) DFO, Proddatur (WL) Rc.No.1155/2017-P8, Dt.20.11.2021

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Adverting to the reference 1<sup>st</sup> cited, it is sub mitted that in the reference 1<sup>st</sup> cited, the Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur has requested to submit the additional information, as sought by the Government for taking further action in the matter.

In the reference 2<sup>nd</sup> cited, the Divisional Forest Officer, Proddatur (WL) has obtained the condition wise additional information from the user agency. The condition wise additional information as furnished by the user agency and submitted by the Divisional Forest Officer, Proddatur (WL) is as follows (copy enclosed).

S.NO	Condition	Reply
1	Legal status of the existing road i.e., whether the existing road is a notified RoW or any prior approval accorded by the Central Government under FCA, 1980 etc. and supporting documents like RoW notification with clearly indicating actual length & width of RoW, and copy of the approval order under FCA, 1980 as the case may be, to be furnished.	The DFO, Proddatur (WL) has stated that the proposed diversion of 11.03 Ha. forest area for upgradation of NH 167B from Km 51/500 to Km 58/500 i.e., from Porumamilla to Chandrasekharapuram to two lanes with paved shoulders under NHDP-IV in the State of Andhra Pradesh passes through Kavalakuntla Ext. A & B Reserve forest in Tekurpeta Beat of Porumamilla Range of Proddatur (WL) Division. The Kavalakuntla Ext. A & B Reserve forest was notified under section 16 of Madras Forest Act-V of 1882



		<p>vide Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land &amp; Revenue) Forest No.133, Dt.25.03.1896. The existing road is already a notified Right of Way (RoW) over a length of about two (2) miles with a width of 3 feet as per notification of the Kavalakuntla Ext. A &amp; B Reserve forest. Notification copy (Xerox) of the Kavalakuntla Ext.A &amp; B Reserve forest is submitted herewith for perusal.</p> <p>Further it is submitted that as per Block History of working plan for the forests of Kadapa District from 1994-95 to 2003-04 vide PCCF Circular No.07/91-S3, Ref.No. 73553/90-S3, Dt.16.05.1991. The legal status of the road is mentioned as civil road from Tekurpet to Seetharamapuram (Nellore District) to a length of 8 Kms. But the width of the road is not mentioned (Xerox copy is enclosed).</p>
2	Reasons for not including of existing road portion under the area proposed for diversion.	<p>The DFO, Proddatur (WL) has stated that the existing road portion of area is already a notified Right of way (RoW) over a length of about two (2) miles with a width of 3 feet as per notification of the Kavalakuntla Ext. A &amp; B Reserve forest. Hence the user agency has proposed 11.03 Ha. forest area for diversion excluding the existing road portion.</p>
3	Actual length and width of the road	<p>The DFO, Proddatur (WL) has stated that, regarding actual length and width of the road, the user agency has submitted that the NH167 B from Km 51/500 to Km 58/500 is passing through Kavalakuntla Reserve forest connecting Porumamilla to Seetharamapuram. Since 1968, the road from Porumamilla to Seetharamapuram was Bituminous Surface (Black top road) under jurisdiction of PWD (R&amp;B), Kadapa Division and Nellore Division. The road inspection note book of PWD (R&amp;B) Dept, A.P signed by the Executive Engineer, Nellore Dt.05.10.1974 is herewith submitted for reference. As per the road inspection note book, the land width (RoW) was mentioned as 30 mts and as the existing carriage way width is 7.5 mts (i.e., 3.70 mts B.T + 1.90 mts Gravel shoulders on both sides). Hence the existing road width of 7.5 mts width was not including in the forest land diversion and additional width on sides of the existing road were proposed based on the site conditions (as per DGPS survey) and the details are as below.</p>



S. No.	Starting chainage	Ending chainage	Length (in Km)	Existing road width (in mts)	Average additional width proposed of existing road	Total area (in Ha.)
<b>A) Left hand side of existing road from Km 51/500 to Km 58/500</b>						
1	51.000	51.450	0.45	7.50	4.44	0.20
2	52.100	52.950	0.85	7.50	10.24	0.87
3	55.250	55.520	0.27	7.50	10.00	0.27
4	55.920	56.320	0.40	7.50	11.50	0.46
5	57.000	58.500	1.50	7.50	16.47	2.47
		<b>Total - A</b>	<b>3.47</b>			<b>4.27</b>
<b>B) Right hand side of existing road from Km 51/500 to Km 58/500</b>						
1	51.000	52.300	1.30	7.50	11.00	1.43
2	53.000	55.300	2.30	7.50	14.48	3.33
3	55.450	55.900	0.45	7.50	12.00	0.54
4	56.130	57.230	1.10	7.50	13.27	1.46
		<b>Total-B</b>	<b>5.15</b>			<b>6.76</b>
					<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>11.03</b>

4	<p>Suitable wildlife mitigation plan duly vetted by the CWLW Andhra Pradesh shall be submitted, in case the comments of the CWLW Andhra Pradesh are in affirmative as to the presence of the wildlife in the proposed area.</p>	<p>The DFO, Proddatur (WL) has stated that the proposed forest area for diversion of the above subject proposal is not form a part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere, Tiger Reserve and Elephant Corridor etc. Further the DFO, Proddatur (WL) has submitted a report to the CF, Kurnool in Rc.No.1155/2017-P8, Dt.17.08.2020 (copy enclosed) by stating that the movement of Herbivore and Carnivores likes Sloth bear, Panther was observed during field inspections in the proposed project area of forest land. The proposed road may dislocate the existence of wild animals and may hamper their survival. Hence to facilitate easy movement/undisturbed environment to the existing wild animals, it is proposed for construction of (4) nos. under passes in the proposed diverted forest area to a cost of Rs.2.00 crores at Rs.50.00 lakhs each. It is also requested to insisted the user agency for construction under passes and also insist to erect maximum number of extensive signage boards in the proposed diverted forest area with the cost of user agency.</p>
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5	As the important flora like Red sanders are existing in the forest area and 2410 numbers of Red sander trees are proposed to be felled. The user agency may re-examine the width of the road and may reduce the width, if possible without compromising safety standards of such roads so as to reduce number of trees to be felled.	The DFO, Proddatur (WL) has stated that the user agency has submitted that the width of RoW (Right of way) considered beyond the forest stretch is 30 mts as per National Highway Standards. The consideration for reduction in road width is already taken care of and reduced with of 20 mts is proposed in the forest stretch of forest area. Due to existence of number of hair pin bends and sharp curves with steep gradients, reduction further will have impact on road user safety issues.
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This is submitted for favour of information and necessary action.

Encl:- As above.

Yours faithfully,

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*[Handwritten initials]* Conservator of Forests,  
Kurnool Circle, Kurnool.

Copy to the Divisional Forest Officer, Proddatur (WL) for information.



**Government of Andhra Pradesh  
Forest Department**

From

Sri M. Nagarjuna Reddy, SFS  
Divisional Forest Officer,  
Proddatur (WL) Division.

To

The Conservator of Forests,  
Kurnool Circle,  
Kurnool.

**Re. No. 1155 / 2017 - P8, Dt. :25/11/2021**

Sir,

Sub :- APFD - F (C) Act 1980 - Diversion of 11.03 ha of forest land in WLM Proddatur Division for upgradation of NH-167 B from KM 51/500 to KM 58/500 i.e. from Porumamilla to Chandrasekharapuram to two lanes with paved shoulders under NHDP -IV in the State of Andhra Pradesh - Minutes of 50<sup>th</sup> Meeting of REC held on 21-09-2021 - Revised Additional information Submission - Regarding.

Ref :- 1) Minutes of the 50<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Regional Empowered Committee (REC) of integrated Regional Office, MoEF & CC, Chennai held through video conference on 21-09-2021 at 10.30 AM

2) Executive Engineer (R & B), NH Division, Kadapa Lr. NH-167 B / EPC Porumamilla-C.S.Puram / A2 / 2021-22, Dt. 08-10-2021.

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It is submitted that, in obedience to the reference 1<sup>st</sup> cited, the Executive Engineer (R & B), NH Division, Kadapa submitted the point wise additional information sought during the 50<sup>th</sup> Regional Empowered Committee Meeting held through video conference on 21-09-2021 regarding diversion of 11.03 ha forest area for upgradation of NH 167 B from KM 51/500 to KM 58/500 i.e. from Porumamilla to Chandrasekharapuram to two lanes with paved shoulders under NHDP -IV in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

**1) Legal status of the existing road i.e. whether the existing road is notified RoW or prior approval accorded by the Central Government under FCA, 1980 etc. and supporting documents like RoW notification with clearly indicating actual length & width of RoW, and copy of the approval order under FCA, 1980 as the case may be, to be furnished.**



The proposed diversion of 11.03 ha forest area for upgradation of NH 167 B from KM 51/500 to KM 58/500 i.e. from Porumamilla to Chandrasekharapuram to two lanes with paved shoulders under NHDP -IV in the State of Andhra Pradesh passes through Kavalakuntla Extension A & B Reserve Forest in Tekurpeta Beat of Porumamilla Range of Proddatur (WL) Division. The Kavalakuntla Extn. A & B Reserved Forest was notified under Section 16 of Madras Forest Act - V of 1882 vide Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land and Revenue) Forest No.133, Dated: 25-03-1896. The existing road is already a notified Right of Way (RoW) over a length of about two (2) miles with a width of 3 feet as per notification of the Kavalakuntla Extn. A & B Reserved Forest. Notification copy (Xerox) of the Kavalakuntla Extn. A & B Reserved Forest is submitted herewith for perusal.

Further it is submitted that as per Block History of Working Plan for the Forests of Kadapa District from 1994-1995 to 2003-2004 vide Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) Circular No. 7/91-S3, Ref. No. 73553 / 90-S3, Dated: 16-05-1991, the legal status of the road is mentioned as civil road from Tekurpet to Seetharamapuram (Nellore District) to a length of 8 Kms. But the width of the road is not mentioned (Xerox Copy is enclosed).

## **2) Reasons for not including of existing road portion under the area proposed for diversion.**

It is submitted that, the existing road portion of area is already a notified Right of Way (RoW) over a length of about two (2) miles with a width of 3 feet as per notification of the Kavalakuntla Extn. A & B Reserved Forest. Hence the user agency has proposed 11.03 ha forest area for diversion excluding the existing road portion.

## **3) Actual length and width of the road.**

It is submitted that, regarding actual length and width of the road the user agency has submitted that, the NH 167 B from KM 51/500 to KM 58/500 is passing through Kavalakuntla RF connecting Porumamilla to Seetharamapuram. Since 1968, this road from Porumamilla to Seetharamapuram was Bituminous Surface (Black top road) under jurisdiction of PWD (R & B), Kadapa Division and Nellore Division. The Road inspection note book of PWD (Roads & Buildings) Department, AP signed by the Executive Engineer, Nellore Dt. 05-10-1974 is herewith submitted for reference. As per the Road Inspection Note book, the land width (RoW) was mentioned as 30 Mts and as the existing carriage way width is 7.5 Mt. (i.e. 3.70 Mts B.T + 1.90 Mt gravel shoulders on both sides). Hence the existing road width of 7.5 Mts width was not included in the forest land diversion and additional width on sides of the existing road were proposed based on the site conditions (as per DGPS survey) and the details are as below.



### Area Statement (Length and width of Road)

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- 4) Suitable wildlife mitigation plan duly vetted by the CWLW Andhra Pradesh shall be submitted, in case the comments of the CWLW Andhra Pradesh are in affirmative as to the presence of the wildlife in the proposed area

In this regard, it is submitted that, the proposed forest area of diversion is not a part of National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve and Elephant / Tiger Corridor etc.

Further it is submitted that the, then Divisional Forest Officer, Proddatur WL Division has submitted a report to the Conservator of Forests, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool vide this office Rc. No. 1155 / 2017 - P8, Dated : 17-08-2020 stating that the movement of herbivores and some carnivores like sloth bear, panther was observed during field inspections of the proposed project area. The proposed road may dislocate the existence of wild animals and may hamper their survival. Hence to facilitate easy movement / undisturbed environment to the existing wild animals it is proposed for construction of 4 Nos. under passes in the proposed diversion area and also requested to insist the user agency for construction of under passes along with the maximum number of extensive signage boards in the proposed diversion area.

It is also submitted that the under passes will facilitate movement of the wild animals as well as local forest dwellers. In this regard the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), A.P. Guntur has issued instructions vide Rc. No. EFS02 / 15034 / 24 / 2018 - SEC - PCCF - FCA - 3, Dated: 13-10-2020



to furnish an undertaking for providing two "Animal under passes" in the proposed diversion area from Km. 51/000 to Km. 58/500 of Porumamilla to Chandra Sekharapuram Road

Accordingly the Executive Engineer (R & B) NH - Division, Kadapa has furnished an undertaking certificate and the same is submitted to the Conservator of Forests, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool for taking further necessary action. (Xerox copy enclosed).

Further it is submitted, that in addition to that if any instructions are received from the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) A.P. Guntur or Govt. of India regarding the Wildlife Mitigation Plan, the same may be intimated to the Executive Engineer (R&B), NH - Division, Kadapa for taking further necessary action.

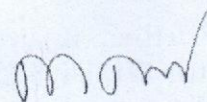
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In this regard, the user agency has submitted that, the width of RoW (Right of Way) considered beyond the forest stretch is 30 Mts as per National Highway Standards. The consideration for reduction in road width is already taken care of and reduced with of 20 mts is proposed in the Forest Stretch of forest area. Due to existence of number of hair pin bends and sharp curves with steep gradients, reduction further will have impact on road user safety issues.

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Yours faithfully

**Encl.** :- As above.

  
Divisional Forest Officer  
Proddatur (WL) Division

Copy to the Executive Engineer (R & B), NH Division, Kadapa for information.



**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHR PRADESH**  
**FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From

Sri M. Guru Prabhakar, SFS,  
Divisional Forest Officer  
Proddatur (WL) Division.

To

The Conservator of Forests,  
Kurnool Circle,  
Kurnool.

**Rc. No. 1155 / 2017 - P8, Dt : 17 / 08 / 2020**

Sir,

Sub:- Forest Department – Proposals for diversion of 11.03 ha of forest land in Compt. No. 253, Kavalakuntla Extn. A & B RF in Porumamilla Range of Proddatur WL Division for Upgradation of NH-167B from KM 51/000 to 58/500 i.e., from Porumamilla to Chandrasekhara Puram to two lanes with Paved shoulders in the State of Andhra Pradesh under NHDP-IV in f/o Executive Engineer (R&B), NH Division, Kadapa – Proposals u/s 2 of FC Act 1980 – Further report Submission – Regarding

- Ref :- 1) Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, AP, Guntur Rc. No. EFS02 /15034/24/2018 NC – PCCF/ FCA-3, Dt. 14/06/2018  
2) Chief Conservator of Forests, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool Rc. No. 1885 / 2017 – TO, Dt. 11-01-2019.  
3) This office Rc. No. 1155 / 2017 – P8, Dt. 06-07-2020  
4) Oral instructions of the CF, Kurnool on 14-08-2020

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In continuation of this office reference 3<sup>rd</sup> cited, it is submitted that the proposed upgradation of NH-167B road from KM 51/000 to 58/500 i.e., from Porumamilla to Chandrasekhara Puram to two lanes with Paved shoulders is traveling in Compt. No. 253 in Kavalakuntla Extn. A & B RF, Tekurpeta Beat, Porumamilla Range of Proddatur (WL) Division. The movement of herbivores and some carnivores like sloth bear, panther was observed during field inspections of the proposed project. The proposed road may dislocate the existence of wild animals may hamper their survival. Hence to facilitate easy movement / undisturbed environment to the existing wild animals it is proposed for construction of 4 Nos. under passes along the proposed diversion area and also requested to insist the user agency for construction of under passes along with the maximum number of extensive signage boards in the proposed diversion area.



It is also submitted that the under passes will facilitate movement of the wild animals as well as local forest dwellers. The cost of construction of underpass requires an amount of Rs. 50.000 lakhs for one number. Total cost for construction of four (4) under passes is Rs. 200.000 lakhs.

Therefore the above request may please be incorporated in the proposed diversion project.

This is submitted for favour of information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully

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Divisional Forest Officer  
Proddatur (WL) Division  
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