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**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

Rc.no.901/2020/TO,  
Dated:04.12.2020.

Office of the District Forest Officer,  
Visakhapatnam.

From:

Sri Anant Shankar, IFS.,  
District Forest Officer,  
Visakhapatnam.  
Sir,

To

The Collector & District Magistrate,  
Visakhapatnam,

Sub: APFD - F(C)A, 1980 - Proposal for diversion of 2.65 ha of forest land in Compartment no.860 of Sankaram RL and Compartment no.861, 862 & 808 of Madugula Beat, Visakhapatnam Division for formation of road from Paderu Waddadi R&B road to Konam via Poolabanda (PV R&B road at 12<sup>th</sup> mile to Devapuram) in favour of Executive Engineer, PR (PIU) Division, Paderu - Request for RoFR certificate issued by the District Collector, Visakhapatnam for uploading of Form-I in Ministry's website - Regarding.

Ref: 1. PrI.CCF (HoFF), AP, Guntur Ref.no.EFS02-15035/71/2020-FCA-SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, dt:24.10.2020.  
2. Executive Engineer, PIU, Division Paderu Rc.no.31/2013-14/AE/DB, dt:24.11.2020 (Received on 30.11.2020).

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It is submitted that, in the reference 1<sup>st</sup> cited, the Forest (Conservation) Rules 2003 [as amended vide the Forest (Conservation) Amendment Rules 2014; Forest (Conservation) second Amendment Rules 2014; and Forest (Conservation) Amendment Rules 2016]vide Rule (3) (a) provides that after having received the proposal for diversion of forest land for non-forest purpose the Nodal Officer of the concerned State Government or the Union territory Administration, and on being satisfied that the proposal is complete in all respects and requires prior approval under the Act, shall send the proposal to the concerned Divisional Forest Officer and the District Collector.

Rule 6 (3) (e) of the above rules requires the District Collector to complete the process of recognition and vesting of forest rights in accordance with the provisions of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (2 of 2007) for the entire forest land indicated in the proposal, obtain consent of each Gram Sabha having jurisdiction over the whole or a part of the forest land indicated in the proposal for the diversion of such forest land and compensatory and ameliorative measures, if any, having understood the purposes and details of diversion, wherever required; and forward his findings to the Conservator of Forests.

In compliance of the above mentioned, the District Collector shall submit a certificate along with other specified documents in respect of (a) plantations that were raised on non-forest land and notified as "protected forest" on or after 13th December 1930 and located in villages having no recorded Scheduled Tribe Population as per 2001 and 2011 census; (b) linear projects involving forest land other than plantations covered in (a); and (c) projects other than linear projects and plantations covered in (a) and (b); in the formats enclosed as Form I, Form II, and Form III respectively.

It is further submitted that, in the reference 1<sup>st</sup> cited, the Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) A.P. Guntur instructed the Divisional Forest Officer, Visakhapatnam to examine the proposal in the light of guidelines issued regarding RoFR Act vide MoEF Lr.no.11-9/1998-FC (pt), dt:05.07.2013 and submit a certificate in the prescribed format Annexure-I (Form-I) for linear projects other than plantations duly certified by the District Collector for evidences for having initiated and completed the process of settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (RoFR Act, 2006 duly annexed to each set of proposal.

Further, it is submitted that, the Executive Engineer (PR), PIU, Division, Paderu has submitted DGPS map, Resolution of RoFR ,Gram panchayat Resolution and Form-I to this office for obtaining Form-I) for linear projects other than plantations for diversion of 2.65 ha of Forest land for uploading of proposals in Parivesh.nic.in.

In this connection, I request the District Collector, Visakhapatnam to kindly issue (Form-I) for linear projects other than plantations for diversion of 2.65 ha of Forest land for uploading of proposals in Parivesh.nic.in.

This is submitted for favour of kind information.

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully,  
Sd/-Anant Shankar  
District Forest Officer,  
Visakhapatnam.

Copy to the Executive Engineer (PR), PIU, Division, Paderu for information. You are requested to contact the O/o the District Collector's office and obtain RoFR certificate and submit the same to this office for uploading of Part-II proposals.

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T.V. Kumar  
Superintendent  
(Frc)  
04/12/2020  
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