

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

Ref.No.509/2019/TO,  
Dated: 25-02-2019.

Office of the Chief Conservator of Forests,  
Guntur Circle, Guntur.

**Sri.P.S.Srinivasa Sastry, IFS.,**  
Conservator of Forests.

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**Sub:** Forest Department – Guntur Circle, Guntur – Proposal for diversion of 0.39 Ha forest land for laying of Optical Fiber Cable along with the Right of way in Guntur (T), Division in f/o M/s Vindhya Telelinks Ltd, Secunderabad-500 015 – Recommendations of the Divisional Forest Officer, Guntur uploaded in the Website and offline proposals – Certain short comings noticed – Proposals return - Reg.

**Ref:** 1. Prl.CCF, AP, Guntur Rc.No. EFS02-15026/16/2018/FCA SEC-PCCF/ FCA-1, dt: 24.04.2018.

2. DFO(T), Guntur Rc.No.2471/2018-TO,dt.17.2.2019.

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Attention of the Divisional Forest Officer, Guntur is invited to the reference 2<sup>nd</sup> cited, wherein he has uploaded his recommendations in Part-II in connection with diversion of Forest land for laying of Optical Fiber Cable along with the Right of way in Guntur (T), Division in f/o M/s Vindhya Telelinks Ltd, Secunderabad in Departmental website [forestsclearances.nic.in](http://forestsclearances.nic.in) and forwarded the proposals in shape of 6 sets to the Conservator of Forests, Guntur Circle, Guntur for further processing the proposals.

As verified from the recommendations uploaded in the departmental website and hard copies (booklets) it is noticed that the Divisional Forest Officer has not furnished the necessary certificates with reference to the Check List **“For the proposal for diversion of Forest lands for non-forestry purpose under the F(C) Act,1980 for Linear Projects: Railway /UG Gas Pipe Line / Water Pipe line /Optical Fiber / Electrical lines etc.,”** (Please refer Page No.268 of COMPENDIUM of F (C) Act,1980).

Further the Divisional Forest Officer, is informed that as seen from the proposals, the user agency has furnished under taking for submission of Grama Sabha (s) consent stated that as per the guidelines laid down in the GOI, Lr.no.11-9/98-FC(pt), dt.5.02.2013 the **“proposals seeking prior approval of central Govt. under F (C) Act,1980 for projects like construction of roads, canals, laying of pipelines / optical fibres and transmission lines etc., where linear diversion of use of forest land in several villages are involved, unless recognised rights of PTG/PAC are being affected are exempted from the requirement of obtaining the consent of the concerned Gram Sabha (s) as stipulated in clause read with clause (b), (e) and (f) in second Para of the Ministries said letter dt.03.08.2009.**

But in the recommendations of the Divisional Forest Officer, Guntur in Part-II of the proposals vide reference 2<sup>nd</sup> cited, he is salient about the RoFR clearance whether any habitation as per F.No.11-9/98-FC, dt: 05.02.2013 and whether any chenchu Tribals in this area.

In this regard the Divisional Forest Officer, Guntur is informed that as per the guidelines laid down in the GOI Lr.No.11-9/1998-FC (pt), dt.05.07.2013, the consent of the concerned Gram Sabha (s) as stipulated in clause read with clause (b), (e) and (f) in second Para of the Ministries said letter dt.03.08.2009 is exempted only, but the user agency should obtain the certificate in the prescribed format Annexure-I(Form-I) for linear projects duly certified by the District Collector under RoFR Act. Therefore, he is instructed necessary directions may be issued to the user agency for obtaining the certificate in the prescribed format Annexure-I(Form-I) for linear projects duly certified by the District Collector under RoFR Act.

Hence the proposals submitted by the Divisional Forest Officer, Guntur is returned here with and instructed to upload the proposals in full shape with all relevant certificates and forward the same to this Office along with (7) sets of hard copies for processing the same. It was further instructed that the hard copies of the proposals are to be prepared before uploading the recommendations in the forestclearances.nic.in website and the same will be submitted without any delay. This may be treated as most important.

Copy of the reference should be acknowledged.

  
Conservator of Forests,  
Guntur Circle, Guntur.

To  
The Divisional Forest Officer, Guntur.

