

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

Rc.No.1411/2019-D1,
Dated. 21-06-2022.

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 Executive Engineer,
R&B Division,
Rajamahendravaram.

Sir,

Sub:APFD – F(C) Act, 1980 – Proposal for diversion of 11.30 ha of forest land for formation of road from Y.Ramavaram to Pothavaram (via) M.Bhimavaram in Puttakota RF in Narsipatnam Division and Dummukonda RF in Kakinada Division in favour of EE, R&B, Rjy –Identification of Degraded forest land for CA area - Further information called for - Reg.

- Ref:1.PCCF (HoFF), AP, Guntur Rc.No.EFS02-15034/6/2018-FCA SEC- PCCF/ FCA-3; Dt:11-03-2019.
2.This office Rc.No.1411/2019-D1; Dt: 28-09-2019.
3.CCF, Rjy Rc.No.3497/2019-D1; Dt: 08-09-2020.
4.PCCF (HoFF), AP, Guntur Rc.No.EFS02-15034/6/2018-FCA SEC- PCCF/ FCA-3;Dt:18-05-2021 communicated in CCF, Rjy Rc.No.3497/ 2019-D1; dt: 01-06-2021.
5.This office Rc.No.1411/2019-D1; Dt: 06-07-2021.
6.CCF, Rjy Rc.No.3497/2019-D1; Dt: 09-07-2021.
7.PCCF (HoFF), AP, Guntur Rc.No.EFS02-15034/6/2018-FCA SEC- PCCF/ FCA-3;Dt:11-05-2022 communicated in CCF, Rjy Rc.No.3497/ 2019-D1; dt: 18-05-2022.

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It is to inform that, the final inspection report for diversion of 11.30 ha of forest land for formation of road from Y.Ramavaram to Pothavaram (via) M.Bhimavaram in Puttakota RF in Narsipatnam Division and Dummukonda RF in Kakinada Division in favour of Executive Engineer, R&B, Rajamahendravaram has been submitted to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Rajahmundry circle, Rajamahendravaram vide reference 5th cited. In turn the the Chief Conservator of Forests, Rajahmundry has submitted report to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, AP, Guntur vide reference 6th cited.

In this connection, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), AP, Guntur has issued instructions, vide reference 7th cited, for furnishing the following information.

- a. Correct legal status of the 0.388 ha of land which is reported by the State Government as un-reserve land shall be informed along with supporting documents.
- b. The DFO has reported that there is already an existing old cart road / pathway of width about 3 to 6 mtrs. Hence, Block notification mentioning the reported / actual width & length of RoW admitted shall be submitted.
- c. The State Forest Department shall re-examine the CA scheme and may revise the CA scheme duly including provisions to carryout required number of plants as per Ministry's guidelines.

Further, it is to inform that, the REC Sub-committee has visited the proposed Project area and CA area from 17th to 20th May'2022 and suggested to take up Compensatory Afforestation activities on degraded forest land as the proposed CA area is having good vegetation of Mangroves. As per the Handbook of guidelines of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, chapter no.2-point no. 2.8 (i), Number of plants to be planted over Non-Forest Land shall be at least 1000 plants per hectare.

"(i) CA over Non-Forest Land (NFL): Number of plants to be planted over Non-Forest Land identified for CA, shall be at least 1000 plants per hectare. If the requisite number of plants @ 1000/ha cannot be planted on the non-forest land identified for taking up CA, then the balance number of the plants will be planted in degraded forest land as per the provisions of working plans. The State Government will intimate to the MoEF&CC the names of the R.F./P.F. in which the balance seedlings will be planted. The User Agency will deposit the cost of planting (including maintenance for ten years)."

Hence, the Executive Engineer, R&B Division, Rajamahendravaram is requested to approach the Forest Range Officer, Kakinada and identify degraded forest land equivalent to the proposed project area for Compensatory Afforestation and submit details to this office for assessment of the suitability of degraded forest land for Compensatory Afforestation. The boundaries are to be identified and Soil Testing is to be conducted in the degraded forest land. Further, the Executive Engineer, R&B Division, Rajamahendravaram is requested to conduct DGPS survey and submit DGPS maps along with raw data softcopy to this office for authentication. Copy of the reference 7th cited is communicated herewith.

In this connection, the Executive Engineer, R&B, Rajamahendravaram is requested to furnish the point wise information to this office, so as to submit the same to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), AP, Guntur for taking further action in this regard.

Encl: As above.

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

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

Copy to the Forest Range Officer, Addateegala for information and necessary action. He is requested to submit the information regarding the Legal status of the existing road (points a & b) with supporting documents to take further action in this regard.

Copy to the Forest Range Officer, Kakinada for information and necessary action. He is requested to identify the degraded forest land as per the point no.c and submit details to take further action in this regard.

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Technical Officer