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ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE
& FOREST(FR.10) DEPARTMENT,
SECRETARIAT, CHENNAI 9.

Letter No.22539/FR-10/2021-9, dated 23.02.2023

From
Tmt.Supriya Sahu, IAS.,
Additional Chief Secretary to Government.

To
✓ The Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central),
Government of India,
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change,
Integrated Regional Office,
1st Floor, Additional Office Block for GPOA,
Shastri Bhawan, Haddows Road,
Nungambakkam, Chennai-600 006. (w.e).

Sir,

Sub: Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Chennai Circle /
Chennai Forest Division – Proposal for diversion of
1.569 ha of forest land in Nanmangalam RF for Chennai
Metro Rail Limited Phase II C5-06 Madhavaram to
Sholinganallur corridor in Nanmangalam forest land for
elevated Metro Station in Chengalpattu District in Chennai
Forest Division area in favour of Chennai Metro Rail
Limited, Chennai Admin Building, Poonamalle High road,
Koyambedu, Chennai – Stage-I- Compliance Report -
Forwarding off - Regarding.

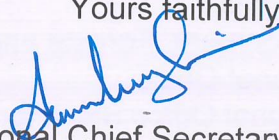
Ref : 1. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, letter
No.TS3/17316/2021, dated 13.12.2021 and
07.02.2022.
2. Government letter No.22539/FR.10/2021-3, dated
08.02.2022.
3. Your office letter No.TNB080/2022-CHN/222, dated
24.02.2022.
4. Government letter No.22539/FR.10/2021-4, dated
29.04.2022.
5. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, letter
No.TS3/17316/2021, dated 16.6.2022.
6. Your office letter No.TNB080/2022-CHN/734, dated
13.07.2022.
7. Government letter No.22539/FR.10/2021-6, dated
20.07.2022.

8. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, letter No.TS3/17316/2021, dated 27.9.2022.
9. Government letter No.22539/FR.10/2021-8, dated 19.10.2022.
10. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, letter No.TS3/17316/2021, dated 09.02.2023.


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With reference to your letter 6th cited, I am directed to forward the compliance report furnished by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests in his letter 10th cited and request you to obtain the Stage-II approval from the Competent Authority for the subject proposal and to communicate the same to this Government, early.

Yours faithfully,



for Additional Chief Secretary to Government.


24/02/2023

By on-line / E-mail.

TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

From	To
Subrat Mohabatra, I.F.S., Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) , Forest Head Quarters Building, Guindy- Velachery Main Road, Guindy, Chennai-32.	The Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Environment, Climate Change and Forests Department, Secretariat, Chennai 600 009.

C. No. TS3/17316/2021 Dated: 09.02.2023.

Madam,

Sub: Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Diversion of 1.569 ha of forest land in Nanmangalam RF for Chennai Metro Rail Limited Phase II C5-06 Madhavaram to Sholinganallur corridor in Nanmangalam forest land of Chennai Forest Division for elevated Metro Station in Chengalpattu District – Stage-I approval accorded by Government of India – Compliance report furnishing off – Regarding

- Ref: 1. Online forest clearance proposal uploaded by the Chennai Metro Rail Limited, Chennai Admin Building, Poonamalle High road, Koyambedu Chennai 107 - Proposal No. FP/TN/Rail/141594/2021
2. Part-II of Form-A uploaded by the District Forest Officer, Chennai Division on 07.10.2021
3. Part-III of Form-A uploaded by the Conservator of Forests, Chennai Circle on 03.11.2021
4. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Ref. No. TS3/17316/2021, dated 13.12.2021 and 07.02.2022 and 16.06.2022
5. Government letter No. 22539/FR-10/2021-2 dated 08.02.2022 and 24.06.2022
6. Government of India letter No. 4-TNB080/2022-CHN/734, dated 13.07.2022
7. Government letter No. 22539/FR-10/2021-6 dated 20.07.2022

I furnish herewith the Compliance report on Stage I in-Principle approval accorded for diversion of 1.569 ha of forest land in Nanmangalam RF for Chennai Metro Rail Limited Phase II C5-06 Madhavaram to Sholinganallur corridor in Nanmangalam forest land of Chennai Forest Division for elevated Metro Station in Chengalpattu District in favour of Chennai Metro Rail Limited, Chennai as follows.

Condition No.	Conditions stipulated by the Government of India	Compliance of conditions/ reply
1	The legal status of the forest land remain unchanged.	The legal status of the diverted forest land remains unchanged.
2	Demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of user agency.	The District Forest Officer, Chennai Division has reported that 21 number of demarcation pillars were erected.
3	The Compensatory Afforestation (CA) shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department over 3.14 ha of degraded forest area in Kumili RF of Tambaram Range at the cost of user agency;	<p>As per the demand letter dated.17.10.2022 issued by the District Forest Officer, Chennai Division, an amount of Rs.57,34,885/- (Rupees Fifty Seven thousand Thirty four thousand Eight hundred and Eighty Five only) for Compensatory Afforestation (CA) in the degraded forest area of 3.14 ha has been deposited by the user agency by Generating Challan in parivesh web portal and payment made on 04.11.2022 and 27.01.2023 vide ref No. SBIN222308061676 and SBIN323027568277. Combined Challan and payment details enclosed.</p> <p>Compensatory afforestation in the selected degraded forest area in Kumili RF will be carried out after obtaining approval from the APO of State CAMPA.</p>

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4	The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring 1.569 ha from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos.826 in 566 with related IA's in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995 and Ministry's guideline No. 5-3/2011-FC(Vol-I) dated 06.01.2022 and clarification issued vide letter dated 22.03.2022.	As per the demand letter dated.17.10.2022 issued by the District Forest Officer, Chennai Division, an amount of Rs.13,51,521/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakhs Fifty One thousand Five hundred and Twenty one only) towards Net Present Value of the proposed diverted area has been deposited by user agency the Generating Challan in parivesh web portal and payment made on 04.11.2022 vide ref No. SBIN222308061676. Combined Challan and payment details enclosed.
5	Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;	The User Agency has been given necessary Undertaking for Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency.
6	All the funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred / deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal	The User agency has paid all the deposits to CAMPA fund through parivesh web portal on 04.11.2022 and 27.01.2023 and details are

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	<p>(https://parivesh.nic.in/);</p>	<p>given below.</p> <p>i) Compensatory Afforestation – Rs. 57,34,885/-</p> <p>ii) Net Present Value – Rs. 13,51,521/-</p> <p>iii) Bio-diversity Management Plan of Nanmangalam RF – Rs. 2,00,00, 000/-</p> <p>iv) Compensation amount for the damages caused on the infrastructure exist in the diverted land – Rs. 80,79,563/-</p> <p>Total – Rs. 3,51,65,969/-</p>
7	<p>Pre-fabricated structures should be used to the maximum possible extent to reduce the extent of disturbance in the habitat;</p>	<p>The user agency has given necessary undertaking for pre-fabricated structures should be used to the maximum possible extent to reduce the extent of disturbance in the habitat.</p>
8	<p>The debris / earth excavated during the track laying work should be disposed off or reused suitably so that the natural drainage of the area is not blocked. Materials to be used for construction of new tracks should be brought from outside the forest area.</p>	<p>The user agency has given necessary undertaking for the debris / earth excavated during the track laying work should be disposed off or reused suitably so that the natural drainage of the area is not blocked. Materials to be used for construction of new tracks should be brought from outside the forest area</p>

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9	Disturbance shall be kept minimum by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible.	The user agency has given necessary undertaking for Disturbance shall be kept minimum by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible.
10	All mitigation measures as recommended / suggested in the "Biodiversity Assessment and Biodiversity Management Plan" for Nanmangalam RF, shall be implemented at the cost of the User Agency;	Biodiversity Assessment and Biodiversity Management plan approved by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden, Chennai on 05.01.2023 and payment towards mitigation measures for Rs.2,00,00,000/- has been made by the user agency by generating challan in the parivesh web portal on 27.01.2023 vide UTR no. SBIN323027568277. Combined Challan and payment details enclosed.
11	Felling shall be restricted to removal of trees only where it is necessary with strict supervision of State Forest Department. Trees of spontaneous growth origin shall not be felled, if any;	The user agency has given necessary undertaking for felling shall be restricted to removal of trees only where it is necessary with strict supervision of State Forest Department. Trees of spontaneous growth origin shall not be felled, if any.
12	Trees / bushes standing in the diverted area shall be felled / cleared strictly as per requirement	The user agency has given necessary undertaking for the trees / bushes standing in the diverted area


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	and with prior permission of the Division Forest Officer concerned;	shall be felled / cleared strictly as per requirement and with prior permission of the District Forest Officer concerned.
13	The user agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance; if required	The user agency has stated that obtaining Environmental Clearance does not arise.
14	The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency, department or person without the prior approval of the Central Government;	The user agency has given necessary undertaking for the forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency, department or person without the prior approval of the Central Government
15	The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 1.569 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal. The user agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.	The user agency has given necessary undertaking for the total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 1.569 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal.
16	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.	The user agency has given necessary undertaking for the layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.

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17	The User agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to all Acts, Rules, Regulation, Guidelines of the Ministry for the time being in force, as applicable to the railway line projects and Court Orders, if any in specific to the subject project shall be complied with	The User Agency has given necessary undertaking for the compliance to all Acts, Rules, Regulation, Guidelines of the Ministry for the time being in force, as applicable to the railway line projects and Court Orders, if any in specific to the subject project shall be complied with
18	Any other conditions that the Central Government or Regional Officer (Central) of Integrated Regional Office, Chennai may impose from time to time in the interest of Afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the User Agency;	The user agency has given necessary undertaking for any other conditions that the Central Government or Regional Officer (Central) of Integrated Regional Office, Chennai may impose from time to time in the interest of Afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the User Agency.
19	In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions, the User Agency is liable for penal action as per the provisions under rules / guidelines issued under FCA, 1980	The user agency has given necessary undertaking that in the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions, the user agency is liable for penal action as per the provisions under rules / guidelines issued under FCA, 1980.
20	The State Government shall process and submit compliance report on the above conditions through online (https://parivesh.nic.in/);	The Compliance report uploaded by the user agency in the parivesh web portal processed through online in parivesh web portal.

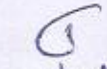
Compliance report furnished by the User agency along with connected undertakings/ documents and report of District Forest Officer, Chennai Division are enclosed herewith.

I request that, Stage - II final approval of Government of India may be obtained for the diversion of 1.569 ha of forest land in Nanmangalam RF for Chennai Metro Rail Limited Phase II C5-06 Madhavaram to Sholinganallur corridor in Nanmangalam forest land of Chennai Forest Division for elevated Metro Station in Chengalpattu District in favour of Chennai Metro Rail Limited, Chennai for a period of 30 years
Encl.: As stated above.

Yours faithfully,


10/04/2023

For Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)


10/04/2023