



Letter No.2762 / FR.10 / 2007- 2, Dated.03.07.2017

From  
Thiru. Md. Nasimuddin, I.A.S.,  
Principal Secretary to Government.

To  
The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests(Central),  
Government of India,  
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change,  
Regional Office (South Eastern Zone),  
1 & 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, HEPC Building,  
No.34, Cathedral Garden Road,  
Nungambakkam, Chennai-34.(w.e.).

Sir,

Sub: Forests -Nagapattinam District - Diversion of 0.53 ha  
of forest land in Pudupattinam Reserved Forests  
Bit-1 - for reconstruction of New Bridge in the stretch  
of 18/4 Puthur – Puthupattinam Palayar road, in  
favour of the Divisional Engineer(Highways),  
Construction and Maintenance, Nagapattinam –  
Proposal under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation)  
Act, 1980 – Regarding.

Ref: From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
Letter No.TS4/5306/2014, dated 24.05.2017 and  
06.02.2017.

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I am directed to state that the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoD) has sent a proposal for Diversion of 0.53 ha. of forest land in Pudupattinam Reserved Forests Bit I in Nagapattinam District for reconstruction of New Bridge in the stretch of 18/4 Puthur – Puthupattinam Palayar road, in favour of the Divisional Engineer(Highways), Construction and Maintenance, Nagapattinam under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation)Act, 1980.

2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has stated that the Pudupattinam Bit I Reserved Forests was notified under section 16 of Tamil Nadu Forest Act 1882 in District Gazette notification dated: 16.04.1982 and right of way has been admitted to Pudupattinam Village to Fisher man quarters road for use to public. Further the Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests had accorded permission to 150m x 10.00m width for 0.15 ha subway for free movement and to construct the above said bridge vide F.No.4-TNB 904/20 12-BAN/23 10, dt:19.11.2012. The proposed site has been inspected by the Wildlife Warden, Nagapattinam on 06.01.2015, 09.09.2015 and 16.09.2015.

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3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has further stated that Pudupattinam Reserved Forests consists of SF.No. 338 of Pudupattinam village and SF No.28B of Thandavankulam villages. The proposed bridge falls in the admitted right of way for a width of 50 links or 10m as given in the notification. The Highways Department claims that the bridge was constructed in the year 1972 which benefits the villages namely Palaiyur, Madavamedu and chinnakottayamedu on coastal bank and is in damaged condition. For the above proposal and execution of work, a proposal for diversion of 0.15 ha Reserved Forests for temporary diversion of road for reconstruction of bridge was submitted by the User Agency for 150m in length and 10M width and orders were issued, according permission for temporary diversion of 0.15 ha of forest land in Pudupattinam Reserved Forests Bit I under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in G.O.(Ms)No.91, Environment and Forests (FR.10) Department, dated 28.06.2013.

4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has also stated that during inspection of the Project by the Chief Conservator of Forests (Central) on 19.09.2013 the User Agency informed that the proposed new bridge is of 8.7m width as against the existing width of 4.8m and hence based on the field inspection, the Chief Conservator of Forests (Central) directed the Government to instruct the User Agency to submit statutory proposal for diversion of additional forest land required for the project. It has also been directed, not to take up the reconstruction work, till the approval under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is obtained from the Government of India. The Conservator of Forests has reported that approximately 70% of the bridge work was completed and the bridge construction area has not been extended beyond the right of way allowed for 10m as the width of the bridge is as 8.5m which is well within the Right of way allowed and no new area other than the right of way admitted is being utilized for construction of the bridge. Since it is found that the work was carried out without fulfilling the condition stipulated by the Government of India in No. 4-TNB 904/2012-BAN/4330, dated: 05.11.2013, the bridge construction work has been stopped by the Forest Department. Moreover instruction was given to the User Agency not to take up any work without the required Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 clearance and they have been given an opportunity to explain why they went ahead with the construction work, without getting permission under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The Conservator of Forests has also reported that the site has been inspected on 24.09.2015 and instructed the Wildlife Warden, Nagapattinam to ensure that no further work is carried out until permission is obtained from the Government of India.

5. Based on the instructions issued by the Chief Conservator of Forests(Central), the User Agency has submitted proposals for diversion of 0.53 ha. of forest land in Pudupattinam Bit I RF for reconstruction of the existing damaged bridge and for improvement of approach road and black topping of the road on both sides of the bridge.

6. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has also stated as follows:-

The User Agency has requested 1 x 2 L – 275 m x b-8.5 m area of road. (i.e. 2 length of 275 m each, having width of 8.5 m for both lengths) . The proposed area of the bridge and road is 0.53 ha.

#### Calculation

<b>Proposed Area</b>	
Area of Bridge	= $595 \text{ m}^2$ ( 70.00 X 8.50 )
Area of road Both sides	= $4675 \text{ m}^2$ ( 1 x 2 x 275.00 x 8.50 )
Total	= $5270 \text{ m}^2$ (or) 0.53 ha.

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7. The Conservator of Forests has stated that the existing tar road available is 3.75m width with 2.20m shoulder on each side which comes to 8.15 m breadth of road along right way of allowed to a breadth of 10m, and the User agency had requested for 8.5m breadth for bridge construction for 70m length. For improvement of road on both sides, they have requested for 8.5m breadth for 275m on each side of the bridge. It has also been reported that, on either side of existing road (which is to a width of 8.15m) there are *mangrove* plantations raised on both sides of the existing road by the forest department. If 8.5m is required, for improvement of road on both sides of bridge, a few rows of *mangroves* will be disturbed. The User agency has to pay Net present value and Compensatory Afforestation cost as per the guidelines. The project will benefit fishermen of nearby villages and is necessary for their connectivity and mobility. Proposed bridge and improvement of road work will not extend beyond right of way admitted as the bridge width and improvement of existing road to a width of 8.5 m is well within right of way allowed in Reserved Forests notification.

8. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests(Forest Conservation Act) has recommended the proposal in part IV format in duplicate. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has, therefore, furnished the proposal to Government, for diversion of 0.53 ha. of forest land in Pudupattinam Reserved Forests Bit I in Nagapattinam District for reconstruction of New Bridge in the stretch of 18/4 Puthur – Puthupattinam Palayar road, in favour of the Divisional Engineer(Highways), Construction and Maintenance, Nagapattinam under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation)Act, 1980 for obtaining the concurrence of the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change.

9. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoD) has forwarded the proposal for Diversion of 0.53 ha. of forest land in Pudupattinam Reserved Forests Bit I in Nagapattinam District for reconstruction of New Bridge in the stretch of 18/4 Puthur – Puthupattinam Palayar road, in favour of the Divisional Engineer(Highways), Construction and Maintenance, Nagapattinam under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation)Act, 1980 for obtaining the concurrence of the Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests and Climate Change.

10. I am directed to forward the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoD) for diversion of Diversion of 0.53 ha. of forest land in Pudupattinam Reserved Forests Bit I in Nagapattinam District for reconstruction of New Bridge in the stretch of 18/4 Puthur – Puthupattinam Palayar road, in favour of the Divisional Engineer(Highways), Construction and Maintenance, Nagapattinam under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation)Act, 1980 for obtaining the concurrence of the Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests Ministry of Environment and Forests and Climate Change and to communicate the same to this Government, early.

Yours faithfully,

*A. Chari*  
3/7/17

for Principal Secretary to Government

Copy to:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests(HoD),  
Chennai-15.

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3/7/17

## PART V

(To be filled in by the Secretary in charge of Forest Department or by any other authorized officer of the State Government not below the rank of an Under Secretary)

### 18. Recommendation of the State Government

(Adverse comments made by any officer or authority in Part-B or Part - C or Part - D above should be specifically commented upon)

*Recommended*

  
Signature

Name & Designation  
(Official Seal)

Date : 3-7-17

Place : Chennai. 9.

(A. SIVAPRAKASAM)

Under Secretary to Government  
Environment and Forests Department  
Secretariat, Chennai-9.