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Date 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2021

To

The Principal Secretary to the Government of Tamil Nadu,  
Environment & Forests Department,  
Secretariat, Fort St. George, Chennai - 600 009.

**Subject: Diversion of 0.62 ha of forest land in Madukkarai Forest Block-V Reserved land in Madukkarai village of Coimbatore Forest Division for burial ground for Christians in Madukkarai village of Coimbatore Corporation area in favour of the Commissioner, Coimbatore City Municipal Corporation, Coimbatore-Reg**

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter Nos.17260/FR.10/2020-1 dated 05.02.2021 and 17260/FR.10/2020-4 dated 21.10.2021 and online application No. FP/TN/Others/57952/2020 seeking prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of forest land in accordance with Section'2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above mentioned project.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am directed to convey the Central Government's in-principle approval (*Stage-I*) under Section'2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.62 ha of forest land in Madukkarai Forest Block-V Reserved land in Madukkarai village of Coimbatore Forest Division for burial ground for Christians in Madukkarai village of Coimbatore Corporation area in favour of the Commissioner, Coimbatore City Municipal Corporation, Coimbatore, for a period of 20 years, subject to the following conditions:-

1. The diverted forest area shall be declared under Section-4 of the Tamil Nadu Forest Act, 1882 and copy of original notification shall be furnished along with the compliance report;
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 by the User Agency in consultation with the DFO concerned at the project cost and diverted forest area shall also be fenced / walled at the cost of the User Agency;
3. As proposed, the State Forest Department shall carryout Compensatory Afforestation (CA) and its maintenance over 1.24 ha of non forest land has

been identified in Sy No 499/3 of Thenkarai Village in Madukkarai Forest Range, at the cost of the User Agency;

4. The non-forest land identified for CA and the approved CA scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government and the State Forest Department shall ensure that the amount realized from the User Agency towards CA should not be left unspent;
5. Entire non-forest land over an extent of **1.24 ha** identified for compensatory afforestation shall be transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department before issue of the Stage-II clearance;
6. Non-forest land which needs to be transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department for the purpose of compensatory afforestation shall be declared as Reserved Forest under Section-4 or Protected Forest under Section-29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or under the relevant Section(s) of the local Forest Act before Issuing of Stage II approval. A copy of such notification shall be furnished along with the compliance report;
7. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring **0.62 ha** from 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;
8. Additional amount of 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. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;
9. All the funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to designated CAMPA fund only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>);
10. The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;
11. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;
12. The User Agency shall provide fire-wood preferably alternate fuel to labourers working at the site to avoid damage/tree felling;
13. Disturbance shall be kept minimal by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it will be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna;



**14. No tree felling shall be carried out in the diverted forest area;**

15. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **0.62 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;
16. The Progress of the Compensatory Afforestation under the jurisdiction of Coimbatore Forest Division shall be monitored by the respective Circle Head and a copy of such monitoring report shall be forwarded to the Integrated Regional Office, Chennai;
17. 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;
18. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as per the rules / guidelines issued under FCA, 1980;

After receipt of the compliance report on above mentioned conditions, the proposal will be considered for final approval. This in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 5 years from the date of issue of this letter. In the event of non-compliance of the above conditions, this in-principle approval shall automatically stand revoked after 5 years.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(K.Karthikeyan)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Forest Department, No.1, Jeenis Road, Panagal Building, Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015.
2. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Forest Department, No.1, Jeenis Road, Panagal Building, Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015
3. The Commissioner, City Municipal Corporation, Bigbazar Street town hall, Coimbatore-641001, [cbetownplanning@gmail.com](mailto:cbetownplanning@gmail.com)
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