



ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS(FR.10)
DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT,
CHENNAI 9.

Letter No.8638/FR.10/2020-3, Dated: 29.01.2021

From
Dr. Sandeep Saxena, I.A.S.,
Additional Chief Secretary to Government .

To
✓ The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Department),
Chennai-15.

Sir,

Sub: Forests - Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Trichy Circle /
Nagapattinam Wildlife Division – Proposal for diversion of 0.48ha
(800mx6m) of forest land for formation of road at 0/0 to 2/0 of
Alakudi to Vellaimanal road in favour of Assistant Engineer, Rural
Development Panchayat Union, Kollidam – In Principle approval
(Stage-1) Accorded – Regarding.

- Ref: 1. Your letter No.TS4/21054/2018, dated 14.07.2020.
2. Government Letter No.8638/FR.10/2020-1, dated 10.08.2020.
3. Your letter No.TS4/21054/2018, dated. 13.11.2020.

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With reference to your letters cited, I am directed to convey the Government's in principal approval (Stage-I) under Section 2 of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.48 ha. of forest land for formation of road at 0/0 to 2/0 of Alakudi to Vellaimanal road of Nagapattinam District in favour of the Assistant Engineer, Rural Development Panchayat Union, Kollidam, under general approval category as per the provisions made in the new hand book of guidelines under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for a period of five years subject to the following conditions:-

1. The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged and shall remain as Reserved Forests.
2. Felling of trees of spontaneous origin shall not be carried out. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
3. The demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet height cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 mts. at the cost of User Agency.
4. The User Agency shall pay the Net present value of the diverted forest area at the rates stipulated by the Ministry of Environment and Forests from time to time, as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court Order dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos. 826 in 566 with related IAs in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995.

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5. The 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 the effect.
6. The fund from the User Agency towards cost of Compensatory Afforestation and NPV under this project shall be deposited in SB A/C No.1025227-CAF, Tamil Nadu, Corporation Bank, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi 110 003 (RTGS/IFSC No. CORP 0000371). The details of deposition of funds including inter-alia the DD Nos. and date, amount, the Bank on which drawn and the date of deposition in the designated Bank shall also be furnished. The User Agency shall generate chalan from the Ministry's online web portal to deposit the amount towards Compensatory levies.
7. The User Agency shall be responsible for any loss to Flora and Fauna in the surroundings and shall take all possible measures to conserve the same.
8. The forest land shall not be used for any other purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
9. The lease rent should be realized from the User Agency as per G.O.Ms.No.272, E&F(FR.XIII) Dept. dated 15.04.1991.
10. The District Forest Officer & Wildlife Warden may impose any other condition in the interest of conservation / protection and development of forests.

2. I am also to inform you that only after receipt of the compliance report on the above mentioned conditions, the proposal will be considered for final approval and transfer of protected land to user agency shall not be effected prior to the issue of final approval. Further, this in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 5 years and in the event of non compliance of the above conditions, this in-principle approval shall automatically stand revoked after 5 years.

Yours faithfully,

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S. Mohamed Yusuf 2/2/2021
for Additional Chief Secretary to Government
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Copy to:

1. The Assistant Engineer,
Rural Development Panchayat Union,
Kollidam, Nagapattinam District.
2. The Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central),
Government of India,
The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change,
Integrated Regional Office(SEZ),
1st and 2nd Floor, HEPC Building,
No.34, Cathedral Garden Road,
Nungambakkam, Chennai-34.

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3. The District Collector,
Nagapattinam District.
4. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA),
O/o. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Department)
Chennai-15.
5. The District Forest Officer & Wildlife Warden,
Nagapattinam.
6. The Conservator of Forests,
Thanjavur.
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