

**TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From:

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Madurai.

To:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,  
(Head of Department)  
Chennai .

*Through the Conservator of Forests, Madurai*

**C. No: D1/4870/2014 Dated: 29/01/2016**

Sir,

Sub: Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 – Proposal for Formation of Black Topped Road from Pottapatti Village, Vellimalai to Oduvanpatti Village - Passing through Karumalai Reserved Forest in Madurai Forest Division - Diversion of Forest Land of 0.063 Ha. - Proposal – Submitting - Regarding.

- Ref: 1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Ref.No.TS4 / 36043 / 2014, Dated 12/01/16  
2. E-Mail alert from System Administrator of Online Submission and Monitoring of Forest Clearances Proposal Portal on 18/01/2016.

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I wish to submit that the User Agency (Block Development Officer, Kottampatti) has submitted an online proposal for diversion of 0.063 Ha of Karumalai Reserve Forests, for formation of Black Topped Road.

I wish to inform your goodness that the above area was earlier inspected by me on 10/09/2014 (when the proposal was sent paper mode). After they resubmitted the proposal through online portal, I re-inspected the area on 23/01/16. I submit my recommendations as follows:

1. The proposed formation of Black Topped Road lies in the foot hills of the Karumalai Reserved Forest. Length of proposed road is 180 Meters. I recommend that the requested width of the road (3.5 Meters) be permitted under Forest Conservation Act., since the connecting road in Dindigul District is already having a width of 3.5 Meters.
2. Further, the Net present Value, arrived as per Government of India guidelines communicated by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests ref.No.9336/09/TS4 dated:26.02.2009 is as follows:-

Type of forest is "Tropical dry deciduous to thorn and dry ever green" Eco Class III Open forest

NPV fixed	6.26 lakhs / Ha.
NPV Amount	0.063 x 6.26 Lakhs = Rs. 39,438/= or, Rs. 40,000/-

3. Further, the fixation of lease rent amount based on the Tamilnadu Registration Department guideline value and the lease rent amount has to be fixed as per G.O. (Ms.) No.272 Environment and Forests (FR. VIII), department dated 15.4.1991 at 1%

of cost of market value of land for the public purpose of diversion of land and hence the lease fee may be fixed as detailed below.-

Name of the Reserved Forest	Land Value (in Rs./Acre)	Land Value (in Rs./Ha.)	Forest land Involved (in Ha.)	1% of the value fixed as Annual Lease Rent
Karumalai	1,60,000/-	4,06,400/=	0.063	Rs. 4,06,400 x 0.063 x 1% = Rs. 256
Total				(or) Rs. 260/=

Hence, I recommend that the lease amount may be fixed at Rs.260/- per Annum and the Block Development Officer, Kottampatty may be asked to remit the Annual Lease Rent for initial period of 5 years.

4. Due to the proposed formation of road, 4 nos. of trees have to be felled. The yield of the trees has been arrived at 1.10 Ton. The trees are fuel wood trees. The fuel wood rate arrived during 2014-15 is Rs.4, 000/ Ton. Accordingly, the exploitation cost of Rs. 5, 400/= may be collected from the user agency.

5. Necessary recommendation is put in the proposal in part II of format.

6. In this regard, it is submitted that as the total area of forest land proposed to be diverted for this project (0.063 ha.) is less than 1 Ha. and hence Compensatory Afforestation Cost need not be insisted. Further, as per General approval issued by Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forest in letter No.11- 9/98 FC dated: 13.02.14 the State Government is empowered to issue concurrence approval for Construction/ widening of roads.

7. Hence the proposal is recommended to accord necessary approval / orders for diversion of 0.063 ha. of forest land in Karumalai Reserved Forest in formation of black topped road in favour of Block Development Officer, Kottampatti subject to the following conditions stipulated in Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forest, New Delhi letter No.1 1-9/98 FC Dt. 13.02.14 since the area involved is within 1 Ha. and minimum tree felling is involved:

- (a) Legal status of the land shall remain unchanged and shall remain as Reserved Forest.
- (b) The user agency shall pay Net Present Value of the forest land to be diverted under this project as per the orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dt. 28.3.08 and 9.5.08 in 1.A.No.826 in 566 with related IAS in W.P.(C) No.262/1995.
- (c) Additional amount of Net Present Value if any becoming due after revision of the same by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future shall be charged by State Government. The user agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.



- (d) The funds received from the user agency towards Net Present Value under this project shall be transferred to Adhoc CAMPA along with the details of deposition to be furnished.
  - (e) The user agency shall be responsible for any loss to Flora and Fauna in the surroundings of the proposed land and shall take all possible measures to conserve the same.
  - (f) The forest land shall not be used for any other purpose other than the specified in the proposal.
  - (h) The Forest land should not be diverted without compliance of condition (b) above.
8. The part II format is sent herewith, in triplicate, duly recommended by the District Forest officer.

I request that necessary orders / approval for the above said diversion of Forest area may kindly be obtained from the Government.

Encl: As stated above



Yours Faithfully,

(District Forest officer)

Copy to the District Collector Madurai-20.

Copy to the Block Development officer, Panchayat Union, Kottampatti.

Copy Submitted to the Conservator of Forests, Madurai Circle, Madurai.