

HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT

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To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, ✓
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Lr. No. 861/2014/JDO-2, Dated : 12.01.2016

Sir,

Sub :

Diversion of 0.528 Ha. of Forest Land in Gramam Reserve Forests of Viluppuram Forest Division for Construction of Bridge at Km. 0/4 of Kooranur Road across Malattar River – Proposal submitted through online – Certain clarifications – Proposal resubmitted – Ref.

Ref :

- 1) Proposal No. FP/TN/Road/14528/2015, Dated : 07.08.2015.
- 2) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai, Lr. No. TS3/20703/2015, Dated : 14.08..2015.
- 3) This office Lr. No. 861/2014/JDO-2, Dated : 07.08.2015.
- 4) Additional details uploaded in website on 08.12.2015.
- 5) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai, Lr. No. TS3/20703/2015, Dated : 04.01.2015.

I invite your kind attention to the references cited, wherein for the construction of bridge at Km. 0/4 of Kooranur Road across Malattar River, proposal has been submitted through online on 07.08.2015 for diversion of 0.528 hectare of forest land in Gramam Reserve Forests of Viluppuram Forest Division to Highways Department.

In the reference 2nd cited, some defects and short comings has been observed in the submitted proposal and it has been instructed to rectify the same.

In the reference 3rd cited hard copies of Form-A, S.I. Map, Geo-reference map, Certificates, Undertakings etc., were sent in duplicate. In the reference 4th cited defects were rectified and additional details uploaded in the website.

In this connection, in the reference 5th cited again some defects have been noticed and instructed to rectify the same for finalizing the proposal. The mentioned defects were rectified and necessary certificates, undertakings and other documents were enclosed and uploaded in the web site as detailed below.

Sl. No.	Essential details sought for	Reply furnished by the User Agency
1	Forest land required for the project has been mentioned in Form-A Part I as 0.528 ha. In the justification report, it was mentioned as 0.542 ha. Hence area has to be corrected in the justification report furnished with the proposal.	Revised justification report (dated 12.01.2016) has been uploaded in the web site and the same is enclosed herewith for transfer of actual requirement of 0.528 ha. of forest land to Highways Department of Government of Tamilnadu.
2	Scanned copy of Geo referenced location map along with GPS readings of the proposed diversion of forest area for formation of road marked in the Google earth has to be up-loaded (section C of Maps-C, iv)	GPS readings of the proposed diversion of forest area has been marked in the Geo referenced location map and the same is uploaded and enclosed. Also a 'kml' file for the same has been developed and already sent through online.

4	<p>The user agency has not identified and reported the extent of non forest land proposed as compensatory land in lieu of the proposed diversion of forest land along with GPS readings (Section L) or reason for not providing non forest land as CA land and kml file of the CA land site, scanned copy of geo-reference map of identified CA land and copy of topo sheet indicating location of CA land along with GPS readings. (As required under section L)</p>	<p>Alternate land (i.e.,) C.A. land is not available with this department.</p> <p>Also it has been observed from the Government of India Guidelines there is no need for providing alternate land when the requirement is less than 1.00 ha.</p> <p>And hence the necessity of giving CA land to forest department does not arise.</p> <p>The proposal is submitted for the purpose of connectivity to rural areas and for infrastructure development for Highways Department of Government of Tamilnadu.</p> <p>Certificates for non availability of CA land, Undertaking for Net Present Value, Undertaking for the additional amount of the Net Present Value and Undertaking for Compensatory Afforestation were enclosed herewith.</p> <p>Also it is hereby assured that the cost for 0.528 hectare of forest land will be remitted after receiving demand from the Forest Department.</p>
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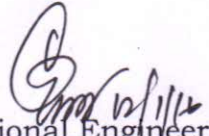
6	<p>Further the user agency is informed that, a proposal for diversion of 0.542 ha of forest land in Gramam Reserve Forests of Villupuram Forest Division for construction of bridge at 0/4 of Kooranur Road across Malattar River in Viluppuram District furnished earlier for the same project (Proposal No. FP/TN/Road/13870/2015, dated 16.07.2015) is in alive.</p> <p>Hence it is informed that the earlier proposal may be withdrawn through online immediately).</p>	<p>The earlier proposal has been rejected due to certain short comings and in the web site now it is in 'draft' stage only.</p> <p>Also it has been tried several times to withdraw the earlier proposal from the website. Due to website server problem it is not possible.</p> <p>Hence it is requested that the earlier proposal may kindly be deleted. A certificate of willingness is enclosed for reference.</p>
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The causeway and road portion has been periodically maintained by Highways Department since from 1960. The Malattar River has been acquired and announced as Reserve Forest by the Forest Department during 1980 only. The road and land of Highways department has also included in the Reserve Forest area without elimination. Hence the question of diversion of 0.528 hectare of forest land is not a new allocation since the land is already vested with this department.

I hope that the mentioned defects were fully rectified. Hence I request that kindly forward the proposal to the concerned District Forest Officer. If any defects shortcomings that are noticed hereafter that will be rectified quickly at the DFO's level.

Hence I request that diversion of 0.528 ha. of forest land may be transferred to highways department at the earliest for benefit of village public and quick implementation of the Government project.

Encl : as above (2 sets)


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