

TAMIL NADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

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To
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*(Through Conservator of Forests,
Dharmapuri Circle, Dharmapuri)*

C. No. 5500 / 2020 / D, dated 09-12-2021

Sir,

- Sub : Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Dharmapuri Circle / Dharmapuri Forest Division - Proposal for diversion of 0.389ha of Forest land in Gummanur Reserved Forest in Dharmapuri Forest Division, Dharmapuri for four laning of Thorapalli Agraharam-Jittandahalli section of new NH-844 from km 23+350 to km 60+100 (design chainage) under Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase-I (National corridor) in Hybrid Annuity by the User Agency - National Highways Authority of India, Krishnagiri - Online submission of proposal - Regarding.
- Ref : 1) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Department), Chennai. C.No.TS3 / 6090 / 2021, dated 29-09-2021.
- 2) Online application uploaded by the User Agency - Project Implementing Unit, Krishnagiri, National Highways Authority of India, 259-1, Salem Main Road, Near KAKC Petrol Bunk, Krishnagiri, Proposal No. FP / TN / Road / 116544 / 2020, dated 11-02-2021.

I submit herewith, the proposal for diversion of 0.389ha of Forest land in Gummanur Reserved Forest of Palacode Range in Dharmapuri Forest Division, Dharmapuri for four laning of Thorapalli Agraharam-Jittandahalli section of new NH-844 from km 23+350 to km 60+100 (design chainage) under Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase-I (National corridor) in Hybrid Annuity by the User Agency in the Ref (2) cited above.

2) The forest area proposed for diversion has been inspected by the District Forest Officer, Dharmapuri on 07-10-2021. The site inspection report and recommendation of the District Forest Officer required for the onward transmission of the proposal has been annexed separately.

3) The total forest area required for the proposed road in Gummanur Reserved Forest of Palacode Range in Dharmapuri Forest Division is as follows.

i) Segment A1 – 0.284 ha (69.26m X 41.005m = 2840.006 sqm) – Average

ii) Segment A2 – 0.105 ha (211.22m X 4.971m = 1049.975 sqm) – Average

Total area = 3889.981 Sq.m.
(or) 0.389 ha

4) Regarding the Compensatory Afforestation land, as per the “Sl. No. 2.5 of PART-B in the handbook of guidelines under Forest Conservation Act 1980” CA shall be insisted on the degraded forest land twice in extent for the project implemented by the Central Government / PSUs, excluding Central Government / Central PSUs projects implemented by / through State Government by the Central Government / PSUs. In this case, the CA land is calculated as 0.778ha (0.389ha X 2). Based on the guidelines and also for monitoring purpose, the CA land is identified to an extent of 1.00ha in Gummanur Reserved Forest.

5) The degraded forest land has been inspected by the District Forest Officer, Dharmapuri on 30-11-2021 and it is quite suitable for raising compensatory afforestation. It is also approachable and manageable on protection point of view. Necessary CA Scheme has been prepared for Rs. 63.220 lakhs. The user agency has given necessary undertaking for payment of cost for Compensatory Afforestation as fixed by the forest department.

6) The user agency has produced the certificate from the District Collector, Dharmapuri for no alternative suitable non-forest land available for the project.

7) In the proposed alignment of the road was the inspected by the Forest Range Officer, Palacode has stated that, there are 10 number of trees has to be felled in the proposed diversion of 0.389 ha of forest area. These trees are spontaneous growth. The User Agency has also given necessary “undertaking” for payment of value of trees as fixed by the forest department for cost of felling including transportation, loading and unloading charges etc.

8) The Net Present value may be fixed as per the orders of the Supreme Court of India in Writ petition (Civil) No. 202 / 1995 dated 28-03-2008 and 09-05-2008 is as follows. In ECO class III "Consisting of tropical dry deciduous forest" the rate per hectare is as follows.

Very dense forest	: Rs. 8,37,000 / ha.
Dense forest	: Rs. 8,03,000 / ha.
Open forest	: Rs. 6,26,000 / ha.

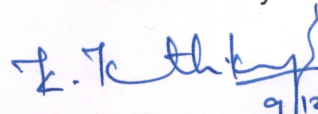
In this case, the rate for open forest may be fixed as Net Present Value for 0.389ha. i.e., $0.389 \text{ ha} \times \text{Rs. } 6,26,000 / \text{ha.} = \text{Rs. } 2,43,514 \text{ (or) } 2,44,000/-$. Regarding this, the User agency has given necessary "undertaking" for the payment of Net Present Value and Additional Net Present Value if any as fixed by the forest department.

8) The user agency has furnished necessary undertaking for the payment of annual lease rent as assessed by the Forest Department. All the "undertaking" given by the User Agency are enclosed in the proposals itself along with the prescribed check list.

Therefore, under the circumstances, I request that the proposal for diversion of 0.389ha of Forest land in Gummanur Reserved Forest of Palacode Range in Dharmapuri Forest Division for four laning of Thorapalli Agraharam-Jittandahalli Section of new NH-844 from km 23+350 to km 60+100 (design chainage) under Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase-I (National corridor) in Hybrid Annuity may kindly be submitted for getting the concurrence of the Government of India.

Enclosure: As stated above. (Proposal in quadruplicate)

Yours faithfully


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Dharmapuri.

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Copy submitted to the Conservator of Forests, Dharmapuri Circle, Dharmapuri for necessary action.