Office of the Conservator of Forests, Dharmapuri Circle, Dharmapuri.

Endorsement on Wildlife Warden, Hosur Forest Division, Hosur C.No.7228/2022/D Dated. 19-09-2022.

Endt.No. 6138/2022/D

Dated:- 12 -10-2022.

Submitted to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest's (Head of Forest Force), Chennai -32 with reference to Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Ref.No.TS3/15954/2022 Dated. 29-06-2022 and 26-08-2022.

The proposed forest area for diversion of 0.9856 Ha for erection of 110 KV transmission line from Rayakottai – Kelamangalam Road to TATA Electronic Company in SF.No.954-956, 959-965, 970-972, 977, 978 classified as "Un-assessed Waste – Vanasaragam" (Defined as Forest) of Ayaranapalli Village, Soolagiri Taluk, Krishnagiri District is absolutely required considering the request of the User Agency for TATA Electronic company for their product and to provide job opportunity to the local resident of various community including Schedule Castes and Schedule Tribe.

The total extent of the land "Un-assessed Waste – Vanasaragam" (Defined as Forest) in SF.Nos.954-956, 959-965, 970-972, 977, 978 is 32.49 Ha is being a forest area set apart to Forest Department. Out of 32.49 Ha a proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 for the diversion of 1.52 Ha in favour of Block Development Officer, Shoolagiri for the formation of road has been submitted to Principal Chief Conservator of Forests for consideration and seeking the orders of the Government of India. Now for providing electricity connection to the TATA Electronic Company, M/s. TANTRANSCO, Dharmapuri has proposed for diversion of 0.9856 Ha of area for laying 11KV transmission line in the above mentioned survey numbers. It has been observed that the proposed transmission line intersect the proposed road alignment for reaching the TATA Electronic

Company. Thus re-diversion of the intersection portion as arisen. It may be decided as and when clearance is granted for the formation of road.

As regards to Compensatory Afforestation area over an extent of 2.00 Ha in Melumalai Reserved Forest I agree with the report of the Wildlife Warden, Hosur. However since the Compensatory Afforestation land is within the Melumalai RF and as there are no encroachment in and around the area, in view of the existing protection activities by the field subordinates, the protection mazdoor for Compensatory Afforestation area may not be required. Therefore the total cost of Compensatory Afforestation can be reduced to Rs.60,86,500/- (excluding cost of protection mazdoor – Rs.67,96,000/- (-) Rs.7,03,500/- = Rs.60,86,500/-).

The Wildlife Warden, Hosur has also remarked in her site inspection report that the wildlife like Leopard, Spotted deer, Indian hare and Wild boar etc., are present and seasonal movement of elephant noticed in the proposed Compensatory Afforestation land. Therefore for protection of plantation from the damages to be caused by the wildlife especially elephants the erection Hanging Solar Fence barrier around the plantation with 10 year maintenance proposed in the Compensatory Afforestation scheme at the cost of User Agency may be considered for effective protection and monitoring of the Compensatory Afforestation plantation area.

As the faunal diversity is frequently visited in this tract such as Elephant, Leopard, Spotted deer, Indian hare and Wild boar etc.,. It has been proposed to construct a water harvesting structure for providing drinking water facility to the wild animals at the cost of User Agency which may be considered.

The User Agency has furnished the under takings for the payment of cost of Compensatory Afforestation / Maintenance of Plantation / Protection

of Plantation / Net present value / Additional Amount of Net present value / Lease rent and etc., as fixed by the Forest Department.

The Wildlife Warden has also furnished Wildlife Mitigation Measures Plan to undertake various work components in the Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary and in the proposed Cauvery South Wildlife Sanctuary area at a cost of Rs.765/- lakhs is recommended for consideration.

Under the circumstances, I recommend the proposal for the diversion of the forest area over 0.9856 Ha in the above Survey Numbers and I request that the proposal may kindly be considered and the concurrence of the Government of India obtained and communicated for diverting the forest area to the User Agency.

Encl. As stated above.

Conservator of Forests (FAC)

ours faithfully

Dharmapuri Circle,
Dharmapuri.

Copy to the Wildlife Warden, Hosur Forest Division, Hosur.

PART - III

(To be filled by the concerned Conservator of Forests)

14. Whether site, where the forest land involved is located been inspected has Conservator concerned Forests (Yes/No.) the date of inspection and observation made form in the of be inspection notes enclosed.

Yes.

Inspected on 12-10-2022.

Site Inspection report is enclosed.

15. Whether the concerned Conservator of Forests agree with the information given in Part–B and the recommendations of Deputy Conservator of Forests.

Yes, I agree.

16. Specific recommendation of the concerned Conservator of Forest's / Chief Conservator of Forest's / Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest's for acceptance of otherwise of the proposal with detailed reasons.

The proposed diversion of forest area in SF.No. 954-956, 959-965, 970-972, 977, 978 of Ayaranapalli Village, Shoolagiri Taluk has been classified as "Un-assessed Waste – Vanasaragam" (Defined as Forest) and set apart to Forest Department. The total extent of the land is 32.49 Ha.

As no alternative land is available for erection of 110 KV transmission line as per the certificate furnished by the District Collector, Krishnagiri and the TATA Electronic Company requires power supply for their product the laying of transmission line through the forest land is inevitable.

The area contains only shrubs and no tree felling is involved due to this project. As also no damages can be caused to the Wildlife.

Out of 32.49 Ha a proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 for the diversion of 1.52 Ha in favour of TATA Electronic Company for the formation of road has been submitted to Principal Chief Conservator of Forests for consideration and seeking the orders of the Government of India.

The proposed 110 KV transmission line if erected to the TATA electronic company it will also serve for the benefit of Job Opportunity to the local residents including Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe in this area.

Therefore, under the circumstances
I recommend this proposal for diversion of
0.9856 Ha of forest area.

Signature

Name

(A.Periasamy)

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Conservator of Forests (FAC), Dharmapuri Circle,

Dharmapuri

Ref.No. 6138/2022/D Dated: 12 -10-2022.

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The Wildlife Warden, Hosur Forest Division, Hosur.