

## TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

From

To

Dr. H. Basavaraju, IFS.,  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,  
(Head of Department),  
Panagal Maaligai, Saidapet,  
Chennai - 600 015.

The Principal Secretary to Government,  
Environment and Forests Department,  
Secretariat,  
Chennai 600 009.

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**C.No.TS4/ 11466/2015, Dated: 18.07.2017.**

Sir,

Sub: Forests – Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – For diversion of 0.26 ha of forest land or widening from single lane to Intermediate lane of Mulaiyur-Alanganallur road (Part I) km 4/0 to 8/0 in Perumalai Reserved Forests of Dindigul division/Circle – Online submission of proposal by the User Agency – Regarding.

Ref:

1. Online application in Part I of Form A uploaded by the Divisional Engineer, Construction and Maintenance (Highways) Madurai dated: 29.04.2015.
2. District Forest Officer, Dindigul Division, ref. No.5627/2014/D1, dt: 13.10.2016 with signed copy of Part II of Form A proposal.
3. Conservator of Forests, Dindigul C.No. 3917/2015/D, dated: 31.08.2016, 03.11.2016 with Part III of Form A proposal.

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The Divisional Engineer, Construction and Maintenance (Highways), Madurai has sent the proposal through online on behalf of Highways Department, Government of Tamil Nadu for the Diversion of 0.30 ha of forest land for widening of Mulaiyur – Alanganallur road in Perumalai Reserved Forests of Dindigul District, Dindigul Division, Dindigul Circle.

The User Agency has requested diversion of forest area for a period of 99 years.

The User Agency has stated in the Brief note on the project, that this road lies in the Madurai (Highways) Division, Vadipatti sub Division and Classified as Other District Roads. This road starts at km 0/0 of Mulaiyur-Alanganallur road and ends at km 8/0 of Solavandan – Valayapatti ( Via) Andipatti road and the total length of road to be widened i.e. 4.0 km



At present this road is having a carriage way of 3.75 m. The present riding surface is having a wearing surface. The CBR of the sub grade soil is ranging from 4 to 9. Traffic Volume as per 2011, Traffic census is 642 cv/per day. Most of Stretch of the road runs through agricultural over loaded vehicles carrying commodities use this road to convey them. So it is necessary to widen the road to meet the present traffic requirements. Widening of this road will reduce the vehicle operating costs by the way of savings in fuel consumptions and wear and tear to the tyres and machine parts. It also reduces the accidents and safe for road users.

Further the user agency has stated that most of the road runs through the Agricultural land and the following Villages are benefited by this road  
1.Palamedu, 2.Theththoor, 3.Valayapatti, 4.Alanganallur, 5.Chatravellalapatti.

#### **Area requirement**

Perumalai Reserved Forests –  $1500 \times 2.00 = 3000\text{sqm}$  or 0.30.0 ha.  
(The road proposed for widening passes through Reserved Forests over a length of 1500 m (4 - 5.5 km) stretch)

The User Agency has furnished the following **certificates**.

1. The area required for this project 3000 sqm is minimum.
2. To certify that there is no violation of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 in the Forest Land.
3. The District Collector, Dindigul District, Dindigul has certified that there is no other alternate route available except this from Mulaiyur to Alanganallur road.
4. The user Agency has agreed to pay the Net Present Value as fixed by the Forest Department.

#### **Under taking Certificates**

1. To pay the Compensatory afforestation cost with 5 years maintenance if any fixed by the Forest Department.
2. To pay the lease rent as fixed by the Forest Department.
3. To pay the value of cost of trees to be fixed which implementing the project as fixed by the Forest department.
4. To pay the NPV as fixed by the Forest Department.
5. If any other conditions imposed by Forest Department and also to deposit the amount if any fixed by the Forest Department.



In the reference 2<sup>nd</sup> cited, the District Forest Officer, Dindigul has furnished the site inspection report and the recommendation of the District Forest Officer are detailed below.

- i. The District Forest Officer inspected the site on 28.04.2016 and 30.06.2016.
- ii. This project is widening of Mulaiyur –Alanganallur road in Perumalai Reserved Forests.
- iii. The project involved widening from single lane to intermediate lane) of Mulaiyur to Alanganallur road at km4/0 -8/0 strengthening at km 4/0 – 5/0 reconstruction of culvert 1 no. ad construction of retaining wall in Perumalai Reserved Forests.
- iv. The total length proposed by the User Agency I the proposed is 1500m and 2.00m width. But the actual length required in the field has been worked out to 1472 m and 1.75 m width. Therefore the actual area is needed for diversion is 0.26 ha only.
- v. The proposed area is having plain topography.
- vi. The density of the vegetation of the proposed site is <0.40%.
- vii. This road widening project in Perumalai Reserved Forests has minimum effects on environment and beneficial to the public.

**Recommendation of the District Forest Officer, Dindigul.**

The District Forest Officer inspected the site on 28.04.2016, 30.06.2016 and offer his recommendation as follows.

- i. Widening this road will be helpful to the people of nearby villages (Gopalpatty, Natham, Mulaiyur, Palamedu and Alanganallur) for their details transportation by considering increase of population and number of vehicles.
- ii. Road widening will not involve any loss of vegetation.



- iii. The proposed area for diversion does not have any archeological and heritage related monuments.
- iv. There is no Tribal Right is affected in this project.
- v. There is no changing in the alignment of the existing road. Hence new forest area is not needed.
- vi. Flagship species like tiger and elephant re not available in this Reserved Forests. Hence there is no threat to major wildlife species.

This road widening project in Perumalai Reserved Forests has minimum effects on environment and more beneficial to the public. Hence this project is recommended by the District Forest Officer.

In the reference 3<sup>rd</sup> cited, the Conservator of Forests, Dindigul has reported the proposed site has been inspected on 30.08.2016 along with the District Forest Officer, Dindigul and Assistant Engineer (H) Construction and Maintenance, Vadipattty and the Conservator of Forests has agree with the remarks of the District Forest Officer and recommended the proposal for diversion of 0.26 ha of forest land in Perumalai Reserved Forests for the Mulaiyur road widening project. Further the Conservator of Forests has reported in his Site inspection report that the road starts from the end of Mulaiyur village and runs to a distance of 1472m inside the Reserved Forests to cross the Reserved Forests area. The Highways Department has proposed for 2M width for widening the road. During the inspection it was notified that three are some trees located in the width of 2m and in some locations there are some rocky outcrops found in proposed width.

Hence it was proposed by the District Forest Officer, Dindigul to restrict the additional width of 1.75m to avoid tree felling in the Reserved Forests area. It was verified in the field and found that the recommendations of the District Forest Officer is justified. The issue was then clarified to the accompanied representatives from Highways Department and it was agreed by them also. (Divisional Engineer, Madurai letter No. 54/2016/JDO 3, dated: 08.09.2016 Copy enclosed). Hence it is suggested that as recommended by th District Forest Officer /Conservator of Forests widening of the road for the project may be recommended for a width of 1.75m to a length of 1472m in



Perumalai Reserved Forests of Dindigul Division. The Total area to be diverted for road widening is 0.26 ha.

The proposal is sent herewith duly recommended in the part IV format proposal by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA) / Nodal Officer (Forest Conservation Act).

The area proposed for Diversion of 0.26 ha of forest land for widening of Mulaiyur – Alanganallur road in Perumalai Reserved Forests of Dindigul District, Dindigul Division, Dindigul Circle is recommended and forwarded to the Government of Tamilnadu for approval 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.
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 forwards Compensatory Afforestation and NPV under this project shall be deposited either in SB A/C No.1025227-CAF, TamilNadu, Corporation Bank, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi 110 003 (RTGS/IFSC No. CORP 0000371) in SB Account No. 344902010105433 - Tamilnadu CAMPA, Union Bank of India, Sundar Nagar, New Delhi - 110 003(RTGS/IFSC No.UBI No.534498) 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 may impose any other condition in the interest of conservation /protection land development of forests.

According to the Government of India guidelines issued in Government of India F.No.11-9/98-FC dated 13.02.2014, "widening of road " have been identified. Under general approval under Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 and the state Government may grant permission under Forest (Conservation) Act 1980. Hence this proposal is forwarded to the Government for granting permission under Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 general approval.

I request that approval may kindly be accorded for diversion of 0.26 ha of forest land for twenty years (20 years) for widening of Mulaiyur – Alanganallur road in Perumalai Reserved Forests of Dindigul District, Dindigul Division, Dindigul Circle early.

Encl.: As stated above.

Yours faithfully,  
Sd/-H. Basavaraju  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Department)

Copy to

The Conservator of Forests, Dindigul Circle, Dindigul.  
The District Forest Officer, Dindigul Division, Dindigul.  
The Divisional Engineer, Construction and Maintenance (Highways), Madurai.

/True copy/By order/

*[Signature]*  
19-7-17  
Senior Draughting Officer



PART - IV

(To be filled by the Nodal Officer or Principal Chief Conservator of Forests or Head of Forest Department)

17. Detailed opinion and specific recommendation of the State Forest Department for acceptance of otherwise of the proposal with remarks.

(While giving opinion, the adverse comments made by concerned Conservator of Forests or Deputy Conservator of Forests should be categorically reviewed and critically commented upon)

Not recommended with restricted area as mentioned by the Conservator of Forests to avoid felling of trees.

Signature:



Name and Designation

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Official Seal)  
(Forest Conservation Act)  
Chennai - 600 015.

Date : 5.7.17

Place: Chennai



