

TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

From
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Nilgiris Forest Division,
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To
The Principal Chief Conservator of
Forests (Head of the Department),
Panagal Maaligai, Saidapet,
Chennai - 600 015

(Through the Additional Principal Chief
Conservator of Forests,
Coimbatore Circle,
Coimbatore)

Ref.No.11161/2019/D1. Dated.17.02.2020

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Sir,

Sub : Forests – Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 – Coimbatore Circle / Nilgiris Forest Division – Proposal for diversion of 10.12 ha of Forest land in Nilgiris Forest Division for establishment of Government Medical College in the forest areas allotted to Hindustan Photo Films Limited – Online submission of Forest clearance proposal by the User Agency i.e., Health and Family Welfare Department - represented by Joint Director of Health Services, Government Head Quarters Hospital Campus, Jail Hill road, Ooty The Nilgiris District – details submitted – regarding

- Ref 1. Extract of minutes of the 40th meeting of REC held on 22.01.2020
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai C. No. TS3/49011/2019 dated 24.01.2020 and 06.02.2020
3. Hindustan Photo Films Manufacturing Company Limited, Udhagai Ref:HPF/GTM/Civil/DFO dated 10.02.2020.

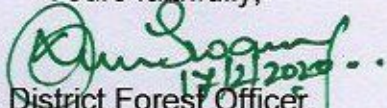
I submit that the details called for in the reference 1st and 2nd cited above are furnished as follows:-

Sl. No	Details called for	Reply
a	The State Government shall submit the area statement including the present status, occupants if any, of the entire 272.36 acre of forest land of	Area in m ² 1.Administration Block – 6,081.06 2.Production Areas - 25,714.97 3.Silver nitrate plant - 2,143.90 4.Magnetic tape plant - 2,883.00

	Udhagamandalam rural village and Hulathi village in Udhagamandalam Taluk transferred to Hindustan Photo films manufacturing company.	5. Service areas - 1,798.60 6. Additional Building - 1,616.48 7. R&D - 8,250.60 8. Residential areas - 25,889.96 Total - 74,378.57 (or) 7.44 ha (or) 18.38 acre. Area covered by Euclyptus, Wattle, bushes etc., - 253.98 acre
b	The State Government shall also submit the details of the working plan prescription for the above said area, if taken back by the Forest Department.	There is no prescription in the working plan for the year from 2015-2025 regarding the subject land if it is taken back by the Forest Department.
c	The present status and possession details of the 36 ha of forest area diverted to the HPMFC vide Ministry of Environment, Forest letter dated 15.12.1986 and status of litigations pending, if any,	An extent of 42,472.57 m ² of land is covered by the production plant and 537.17 m ² is under administrative block. The balance area is covered by blue gum plantation, grass land and bushes only. This office has neither any correspondence nor any information about any litigation over the forest lands.
d	The present status and possession details of the 48 ha of forest area instructed to be surrendered to the State Forest Department by the HPMFC vide Ministry of Environment, Forest letter dated 15.12.1986	The forest area of 48 ha. is covered with Blue gum Plantation, Grass land, Swamp area, Bushes and only one old church building (37.17 sq.m) is existing within this forest area.
e	The State government shall provide encumbrance free compensatory Afforestation land suitable for raising site specific indigenous plant species.	Now the Compensatory Land has been identified in Survey.No.72/6 Kuruchi Village of Valapady taluk in Salem District to an extent of 20.24 hectare. The Encumbrance letter given by the Salem Collector furnished herewith. The User Agency has also furnished the details in Part-A of the online proposal.
f	The State Government shall submit the no objection certificate (NOC) obtained from the User Agency in whose favour the forest land was previously diverted.	As per the condition no.3(4) stipulated for the lease in G.O.Ms.No.5210(Ind), Industries, Labour and co-operative dept. dt. 28.08.1961, if and when the lands (or any portion of them), are not required for the purpose for which they have been transferred, they shall revert to the State Forest Dept. Now the company is not utilizing the leased forest land and the company is almost in the final stage of closure.

		As per the District Collector Nilgiris letter.No.R.C.U1/4781/2002 dated 08.11.2019 to District Forest Officer, Nilgiris, the land in survey No.228/1 of 272.36 acres of Udhagamandalam Rural Village are deemed to be reverted to Forest Department from 2013. Therefore No Objection Certificate (NOC) is not required from the HPF authority.
g	Map of the proposed area for diversion depicting component wise break up as proposed in the proposal shall also be furnished.	The map has been furnished by the User Agency.

Encl: As stated above

Yours faithfully,

 District Forest Officer,
 Nilgiris Forest Division,
 Udhagamandalam.

Copy submitted to the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
 Coimbatore Circle, Coimbatore

Copy to the District Collector, Nilgiris District.

Copy to the Joint Director of Health Services, Government Head Quarters Hospital
 Campus, Health and Family Welfare Department, Uhagai with a request to furnish
 the report and documents as mentioned above very urgently.