

**TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From  
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To  
The Principal Chief Conservator of  
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*(Through the Additional Principal Chief  
Conservator of Forests,  
Coimbatore Circle,  
Coimbatore)*

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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 40<sup>th</sup> 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.

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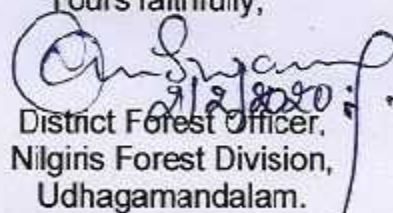
I submit that the details called for in the reference 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> cited above are furnished as follows:-



| Sl. No | Details called for  | Reply   |
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| 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 Udhagamandalam rural village and Hulathi village in Udhagamandalam Taluk transferred to Hindustan Photo films manufacturing company. | <p>1. Out of the 272.36 acres of land originally transferred to HPFMC, 10.65 acres had been transferred by HPFMC to SIDCO as per GO Ms No. 646 Forest and Fisheries dated 30.05.1981.</p> <p>2. 120 acres (48 ha) had been taken over by the Forest Department in 1987 as per GO Ms No. 95 Forest and Fisheries dated 12.02.1987. The land is under artificially grown blue gum trees.</p> <p>3. In the remaining 141.71 Acres, the Administrative Buildings, Main Plant, Residential Quarters etc. of HPFMC are spread over an extent of 7.44 ha (or) 18.38 acre. The balance area of 123.33 Acres has blue gum trees in patches</p> |
| 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 specific prescription in the working plans regarding the subject land (120 acres) after it was reverted to the Forest Department in 1987. However, the area has been artificially regenerated and is under blue gum trees in patches. No significant wildlife movements have been noticed.  |
| 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,   | <p>In addition to the afore said 272.36 Acres, in G.O. Ms. No. 95 Forest and Fisheries Department dated 12.02.1987, 36 Ha (90 Acres) of forest area was diverted to HPMFC. The Polyester X-ray plant of the Company is located in this piece of land. The balance area is covered by blue gum trees in patches.</p> <p>No record of any litigation over this land is available in this office.</p>  |
| 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   | The 120 acres (48 ha) of forest area had been taken over by the Forest Department in 1987 as per C.O.Ms No.95 Forest and Fisheries Dept dated 12.02.1987. The land is covered with blue gum trees in patches.   |



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|   | Environment, Forest letter dated 15.12.1986   |   |
| e | The State government shall provide encumbrance free compensatory afforestation land suitable for raising site specific indigenous plant species.            | Compensatory Land has now been identified in Survey.No.72/6 Kuruchi Village of Valapady taluk in Salem District over an extent of 20.24 hectare. The Encumbrance letter given by the Salem District Collector is furnished herewith. The User Agency has also furnished the details in Part-A of the online proposal. Compensatory Scheme for the newly selected area has been furnished in the part II of Form A.  |
| 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 G.O.Ms No 5210 Industries Labour and Cooperation Department 28.8.1961 if and when the land (or any portion of it) is not required for the purpose for which it has been transferred it shall automatically revert to State Forest Department.<br><br>As per the terms and conditions of the GO Ms. No. 925 Forests and Fisheries Department dated 19.8.1979 too, the assignee shall not use the land except for the purpose for which it is granted (condition no 11).<br>Thus the land stands reverted to the Forest Department and therefore the question of obtaining No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the company does not arise. |
| 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.  |

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, Udhagai with a request to furnish the report and documents as mentioned above very urgently.