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TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

From

To

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Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,  
(Head of Forest Force)  
Panagal Maaligai, Saidapet,  
Chennai - 15.

The Additional Chief Secretary to  
Government,  
Environment, Climate Change and  
Forests Department,  
Secretariat, Chennai 9.

C. No. TS3/37648/2021 Dated: 18.08.2022.

Madam,

Sub: Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Proposal for diversion of 5.00 ha of forest land in Pallipatti RF, Thombakal RF and Thombakal Extension RF of Dharmapuri Forest Division for formation of approach road from Vachathi to Kalasapadi Road via Arasanatham and Poigundanvalasu tribal habitations of Sitheri Panchayat in Pappireddipatti Taluk in Dharmapuri District to a length of 5.173 km and to a width of 7.50m in favour of the Block Development Officer, Pappireddipatti, Dharmapuri District - Proposal forwarding off - Regarding.

- Ref: 1 Online forest clearance proposal uploaded by the Block Development Officer, Pappireddipatty Union, Pappireddipatty, Dharmapuri District - Proposal No. FP/TN/Road/147758/2021, dated 12.11.2021 and Re-submission of proposal by the User Agency on 23.11.2021
- 2 Part II of Form-A uploaded by the District Forest Officer, Dharmapuri Division on 23.05.2022 and EDS reply uploaded on 21.07.2022
- 3 Part-III of Form-A uploaded by the Conservator of Forests, Dharmapuri Circle on 15.06.2022 and EDS reply uploaded on 26.07.2022

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I wish to state that the Block Development Officer, Pappireddipatty Union, Pappireddipatty, Dharmapuri District has uploaded online forest clearance proposal under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 5.00 ha of forest land in Pallipatti RF, Thombakal RF and Thombakal Extension RF of Dharmapuri Forest Division for formation of approach road from Vachathi to Kalasapadi Road via Arasanatham and Poigundanvalasu tribal habitations of Sitheri Panchayat in Pappireddipatti Taluk in Dharmapuri District to a length of 5.173 km and to a width of 7.50m under proposal No. FP/TN/Road/147758/2021



1) Brief details of the project are given below.

i) The User Agency has uploaded the proposal in the prescribed format of Form A - Part I - under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of fresh forest area.

ii) Name of the project for which forest land required reported as approach (road from) Vachathi to Kalasapadi via Arasanatham and Poigundanvalasu tribal habitations in Sitheri Panchayat in Pappireddipatti Panchayat Union in Dharmapuri District.

iii) In the short narrative of the proposal for which the forest land is required, the User Agency has stated that land required for approach road from Vachathi to Kalasapadi via Arasanatham and Poigundanvalasu tribal habitations in Sitheri Panchayat in Pappireddipatti Panchayat Union in Dharmapuri District.

iv) Category of the project reported as 'Road' and shape of the land proposed for diversion reported as 'Linear'.

v) The User Agency has reported that area required in forest area is 5.00 ha and non forest land required for the project is Zero ha.,

vi) The User Agency has proposed the forest area diversion for the project for a period of 99 years.

vii) Legal status of User Agency is State Government. On behalf of User Agency – Block Development Officer, Pappireddipatty Union, Pappireddypatty, Dharmapuri District, the incumbent Officer has applied the on-line proposal for diversion of forest land. The user agency has uploaded a authorisation letter issued by the District Collector, Dharmapuri for obtaining forest clearance approval.

viii) Diversion of 5.00 ha of forest land has been requested in Dharmapuri Forest Division area of Dharmapuri District. The User Agency has specified the village wise breakup details of land required for the project as Pallipatti village.

a) Component wise breakup details furnished as road for the 5.00 ha of forest area proposed for diversion.

Component wise break up details of forest area requirement furnished by the user agency is as follows.

Sl. No.	Reserved Forest	Reach	Length in m	Width in m	Area in sq.m
1	Pallipatti RF-Road reach-1	Km 0/0-2/300	2300	7.50	17250.00
	Add for curves				4722.50
2	Thombakal RF –	Km 2/300-	900	7.50	6750.00



	Road reach-2	3/200			
	Add for curves				2880.00
3	Thombakal Extension RF – Road reach-3	Km 3/200- 5/00	1800	7.50	13500.00
	Add for curves				3600.00
4	Pallipatti RF –Road reach-4	Km 5/000- 5/173	173.00	7.50	1297.50
	Total area				50000.00 or 5.00 ha

ix) The user agency has uploaded the copy of location map of the forest land proposed to be diverted in kml file of google earth, Survey of India Topo sheet indicating the boundary of proposed forest diversion area and scanned copy of the Geo-referenced map of the forest land proposed to be diverted.

x) The User Agency has uploaded a copy of note containing justification for locating the project in forest area.

In this segment, the User Agency has reported that the mentioned road is very much useful to the people those who are living in the habitation of Kalasapadi, Poigoundanvalasu, Arasanatham habitations, which having the population of 700 numbers in Sitheri Panchayat, Pappireddipatty Block. Now the people of above habitations are very much struggling to reach Public Distribution Shop, School, Hospital and market as no connectivity by all weather roads to the habitations. Since, completion of this road work, the people very much benefit to schooling, marketing and hospital purposes. Vehicle movement will help the socio economic development of the individuals. Hence it is justified that the road from Vachathi to Kalasapadi via Poigoundan valasu, Arasanatham tribal habitations road in Sitheri Panchayat is very essential.

xi) The User Agency has stated that, the project is likely to generate Permanent/regular employment for 150 persons and temporary establishment for 100 persons, this project does not involve displacement of people, this project does not require cost-benefit analysis and this project not requires clearance under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

xii) The User Agency has stated that, the project or a part thereof is not located in any protected area or their eco sensitive zone and in a Scheduled Area.

xiii) The User Agency has stated that, the process for settlement of Rights under the Forest Rights Act 2006 on the forest land proposed to be diverted has



been completed and uploaded a copy of certificate issued by the District Collector, Dharmapuri in ROC No. 1435/2018/R2 dated 03.11.2021.

a) For the diversion of 5.00 ha of degraded forest area in Pallipatti RF and Thombakal RF, the user agency has identified 10.00 ha of non forest compensatory land in SF No. 692 of Kammampatty village of Nallampalli Taluk in Dharmapuri District.

b) The District Collector, Dharmapuri District in his proceedings No. 13305/2018/T1, dated 12.07.2021 has ordered for the transfer of 45.98.34 ha of Government Poramboke land classified as un-assessed waste dry Karadu to the Forest Department as compensatory lands for the forest areas involved in five project. This Vachathi to Kalasapadi road involving 5.00 ha of forest area is one of the project involving diversion of forest land and the District Collector has ordered for transfer of 10.00 ha of land to the Forest Department.

c) Location map of the identified non-forest CA land proposed to be transferred to Forest Department in kml file of google earth, scanned copy of Survey of India topo sheet indicating the proposed road alignment area marked in the map and scanned copy of Geo referenced location details of the forest land have been furnished in the web portal.

xiv) In the additional information details section, following details/certificates/undertakings have been uploaded.

- a) Break-up details of forest land required for the project.
- b) FMB sketch of proposed CA land indicating the sub-divisions in the map.
- c) Certified that, proposed road lying in Sitheri Revenue village, Harur Firka.
- d) Certified that no suitable alternate non-forest land is available for the project.
- e) Certified that ten times of saplings cost would be paid towards the number of trees proposed to be cut, which falls on the forest alignment.
- f) Certified that, they have not violated any provision of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in seeking the minimum forest land required for the formation of road.
- g) Copy of Chitta-Adangal register of the proposed CA land.
- h) Certificate issued by the District Collector, Dharmapuri about no alternate non-forests land is available and best possible alignment requires the utilization of the Reserve Forests land for the project. Roc No. 1435/2018/R2, dated 30.09.2021
- i) Consent letter of District Collector Dharmapuri for handing over of 10.00 ha of land as CA scheme (Roc No. 1435/2018/R2, dated 30.09.2021).



- j) Certified that assured employment will be generated throughout the year after completion of the road project. Due to commercial vehicle movement, there is a possibility to hike in transaction of Agricultural and Commercial products.
- k) GPS reading of CA land
- l) GPS reading of the proposed road aligned in forest area.
- m) Undertaking to pay the additional amount of Net Present Value of the forest land proposed for diversion if any fixed in future.
- n) Undertaking to pay the entire amount for compensatory afforestation in lieu of the forest area diverted for the project at the prevailing wage rates at the time of plantation.
- o) Undertaking to pay the cost towards lease rent as fixed by the Forest Department at the time of sanction along with any escalation for the forest land to be diverted for the formation of road.
- p) Undertaking to pay the Net Present Value of the forest land proposed for diversion.
- q) Undertaking to bear the cost of felling of trees and transportation cost of the trees to be removed during formation of road under the project in the forest area as fixed by the Forest Department has not been furnished.

2) In the Part-II of Form-A, the District Forest Officer, Dharmapuri Division has furnished following particulars.

i) The legal status of the proposed site of diversion of 5.00 ha of forest land requested for the project is Reserved Forests.

As per the site inspection report and recommendation of the project uploaded by the District Forest Officer, name of the forest land reported as Pallipatti RF, Thombakkal RF and Thombakkal Extension RF.

ii) The District Forest Officer has reported that, density of the forest area is 0.25 and Eco class of forest area is three.

iii) Species wise and girth class wise enumeration of trees in the area reported as 16 numbers.

iv) On vulnerability of the forest area to erosion reported as the area already eroded and no soil to be eroded.

v) Details of wildlife present in and around the forest land proposed for diversion reported as NIL. The forest area proposed for diversion is not part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant



corridor, Wildlife migration corridor etc., and not located within the eco-sensitive zone of the protected area notified under Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and not located within 1 km boundary of NP/WLs etc., for the forest land proposed for diversion. There is no rare/ endangered / unique species of flora and fauna found in the area.

vi) There is no protected archaeological/ heritage site/ defense establishment or any other important monument is located in the area.

vii) Requirement of forest land as proposed by the User Agency is unavoidable and bare minimum for the project and no work in violation of the Act or guidelines has been carried out.

viii) For the proposed diversion of 5.00 ha of forest land in Pallipatti RF, Thombakkal RF and Thombakkal Extention RF for formation of Vachathi to Kalasapadi road via, Arasanatham and Poigundanvalasu tribal habitations in Sitheri Panchayat in Pappireddipatti Taluk in Dharmapuri District, compensatory afforestation has been proposed in 10.00 ha of identified non forest CA land in SF No. 692/7 of Kammampatty in Nallampalli Taluk of Dharmapuri District by planting @ 600 number of trees per ha and 800 numbers per ha in 5.00 ha of degraded forest area selected in Parigam A RF.

a) The District Forest Officer has reported that the non forest land has been inspected on 06.10.2021 and it is quite suitable for raising compensatory afforestation . It is also approachable and manageable on protection point of view. Naturally grown trees are existing in the identified CA land and looks like a forest. Due to lack of possibilities to plant the targeted saplings in this place, it has been decided to plant the remaining saplings in te degraded forest area of Dharmapuri Range in Parigam A RF.

b) CA scheme cost proposed by the District Forest Officer is as follows.

i) a) CA scheme in 10.00 ha of non-forest CA land

@ 600 numbers per ha including maintenance

of plantation for 10 year period

– Rs. 64,71,569/-

b) Chain link fencing around plantation to prevent

biotic pressure

– Rs. 39,42,000/-

c) Engaging protection mazdoor for 3 year period

– Rs. 6,66,480/-



Sub total	- Rs. 1,10,80,049 or <u>Rs. 1,10,80,500/-</u>
ii) a) CA scheme in 5.00 ha of degraded forest CA area in Parigam A RF @ 800 numbers per ha including maintenance of plantation for 10 year period	- Rs. 21,31,370/-
b) Chain link fencing around plantation to prevent biotic pressure	- Rs. 26,28,000/-
Sub total	- Rs. 47,59,370 or <u>Rs. 47,59,500/-</u>
Grand total of CA scheme	- Rs. 1,58,40,000/-

c) The District Forest Officer has furnished the cost estimate of the CA scheme and area marked in the Survey of India topo sheet and surveyed sketch of the proposed CA area in geo-referenced map for the non forest CA land. Site suitability certificate of the CA area has also been furnished by the District Forest Officer.

d) As per the guidelines issued in F. No. 11-423/2011-FC, dated 22.05.2019 of Government of India, the user agency shall fence the CA land mutate the same in the name of Forest Department before handing them over to the Forest Department.

However, the work has been proposed by the District Forest Officer for execution by the Forest Department by the cost to be recovered from the user agency.

ix) In the site inspection report, the District Forest Officer has reported the following

Proposed site inspected on 25.02.2022. The user agency has not yet commenced any work in the field therefore the question of violation of the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 does not arise and there is no encroachment in this area. The forest land required for the project is not part of any National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary/Biosphere. In the alignment of the proposed road, there are exist 16 numbers of trees, which are spontaneous growth in nature and requires felling. The proposed road is to be laid to a length of 5173m to a width of 7.50m.

x) In the Specific Recommendation of the project, the District Forest Officer, Dharmapuri Division has reported the following.



a) The proposal submitted by the user agency for diversion of 5.00 ha of forest land in Pallipatti RF, Thombakal RF and Thombakal Extension RF for formation of approach road from Vachathi to Kalasapadi via Arasanatham and Poigunduvalasu tribal habitations in Sitheri panchayats of Pappireddipatti Taluk. In the alignment of the proposed road, no right of way was admitted in the Tamil Nadu Gazette notification of Pallipatti RF, Thombakal RF and Thombakal Extension RF.

The proposed road connects Vachathi to Kalasapadi via Arasanatham and Poigunduvalasu tribal habitations. Until now, there is no any other alternative road for them to drive vehicles. This is the long lasting demand by the village peoples for the past ten years. This demand has also been raised in the Legislative Assembly often. The work will be permitted under strict supervision of the Forest Officers. Possible damage to wild flora and fauna due to this project is very low. Considering the facts and field observations, the District Forest Officer has recommended the proposal for seeking diversion of land.

3) The Conservator of Forests, Dharmapuri Circle has inspected the area on 09.06.2022 and endorsed the details provided by the District Forest Officer and recommended the proposal.

4) The User Agency has requested forest area diversion for a period of 99 years. The District Forest Officer, Dharmapuri Division and the Conservator of forest, Dharmapuri Circle have recommended the diversion of forest area for a period of 20 years.

Based on the recommendations made by the District Forest Officer and Conservator of Forests, forest area diversion is recommended for a period of 20 years.

5) Based on the recommendation made by the District Forest Officer, Dharmapuri Division and Conservator of Forests, Dharmapuri Circle, proposal for diversion of 5.00 ha of forest land in Pallipatti RF, Thombakal RF and Thombakal Extension RF in Dharmapuri Forest Division for formation of approach road from Vachathi to Kalasapadi via Arasanatham and Poigunduvalasu tribal habitations in Sitheri Panchayat of Pappireddipatti Taluk of Dharmapuri District to a length of 5.173 km and to a width of 7.50m in Dharmapuri District seeking approval under



Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 by the Block Development Officer, Pappireddipatti, Dharmapuri District is recommended to the Government for consideration of the Government and to obtain approval from the Government of India subject to the following conditions.

- i) The legal status of the diverted forest land remains unchanged.
- ii) The demarcation of the proposed forest land shall be carried out by the User Agency by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at their cost.
- iii) The User Agency has to fence, mutate and transfer double the extent of non-forest land identified in SF No. 692/7 of Kammampatty Village of Nallampalli Taluk in Dharmapuri District to the Forest Department.
- iv) The User Agency has to pay the cost of Raising Compensatory Afforestation / Maintenance of plantation, protection of plantation etc., as fixed by the Forest Department and willingness to deposit additional amounts if any suggested as amended owing to the change in planting technique, enhancement in the FSR etc., demanded subsequently.
- v) The User Agency has to pay the Net Present Value of proposed forests diversion area which will be fixed as per the guidelines of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India /Government of India.
- vi) The User Agency has to bear the additional amount of Net Present Value which will be fixed as per the guidelines of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India as fixed by Forest Department in future.
- vii) Amount of Compensatory afforestation scheme, Net Present Value of diverted forest area under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>)
- viii) The user agency has to obtain permission from the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India for felling of 16 number of spontaneous trees growth in the forest area proposed for diversion for the project proposal.
- ix) The user agency has to pay the cost towards felling and transportation cost of trees to be cut in the project area to the District Forest Officer, Dharmapuri Division for immediate execution of the felling of trees work after getting necessary permission for felling of trees.



x) The User Agency has to pay the cost towards annual lease rent for the forest area diversion period as fixed by the Forest Department at the time of sanction along with any escalation for the forest land to be diverted of the above project in future for the entire project period.

xi) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceeds 5.00 ha for a length of 5173 m and width of 7.50m in Pallipatti RF (2.327 ha), Thombakal RF (0.963 ha) and Thombakal Extension RF (1.71 ha).

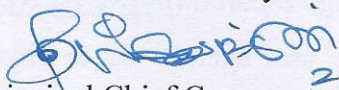
xii) The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under any circumstances be transferred to any other agencies/department or person without prior approval.

xiii) Period of lease can be twenty (20) years. The User Agency has to apply renewal proposal before one year of expiry of lease with the State Forest Department.

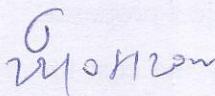
6) The proposal is sent herewith duly recommended by the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation Act)/ Nodal Officer of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 of the State of Tamil Nadu. I request that the proposal may be considered and approval may be obtained from the Government of India for diversion of 5.00 ha of forest land in Pallipatti RF, Thombakal RF and Thombakal Extension RF in Dharmapuri Forest Division for formation of approach road from Vachathi to Kalasapadi via Arasanatham and Poigunduvallasu tribal habitations in Sitheri Panchayat of Pappireddipatti Taluk of Dharmapuri District to a length of 5.173 km and to a width of 7.50m in Dharmapuri District in favour of the Block Development Officer, Pappireddipatti, Dharmapuri District for a period of 20 years.

Encl: As stated above.

Yours faithfully

 22/08/2022

For Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Forest Force)





PART - IV

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

Name of the work : Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Proposal for diversion of 5.00 ha of forest land in Pallipatti RF, Thombakkal RF and Thombakkal Extension RF of Dharmapuri Forest Division for formation of approach road from Vatchathi to Kalasapadi Road via Arasanatham and Poigundanvalasu tribal habitations of Sitheri Panchayat in Pappireddipatti Taluk in Dharmapuri District to a length of 5.173 km and to a width of 7.50m in favour of the Block Development Officer, Pappireddipatti, Dharmapuri District - Proposal No. FP/TN/Road/147758/2021

17	Detailed opinion and specific recommendation of the State Forest Department for acceptance or 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)

"Recommended"  
  
17/8/22

Signature :

Name Designation : Tmt. V. Karunapriya, I.F.S.,  
Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Forest Conservation Act), O/o the Principal Chief  
Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Chennai.

Date : 17 -08-2022

Place: Chennai-15.