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TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

From

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To

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

C. No. TS3/27218/2021 Dated: 22.02.2022.

Madam,

Sub: Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Dharmapuri Forest Circle / Hosur Wildlife Division - Proposal for diversion of 1.52 ha of forest land recorded in Revenue records as un-assessed waste-Forest Range land which defined as Forests in Ayaranapalli village, Soolagiri Taluk of Krishnagiri District for the formation of road from Rayakottai-Kelamangalam road to TATA Electronic Company km 0/00-0/812 through the forest area of Hosur Forest Division area in Krishnagiri District in favour of Block Development Officer, Soolagiri Union, Krishnagiri District - Proposal forwarding off - Regarding.

- Ref: 1 Online application uploaded by the Block Development Officer, Soolagiri, Krishnagiri District - Proposal No. FP/TN/Road/144777/2021, dated 20.07.2021 and resubmission of proposal on 03.09.2021 and 08.09.2021.
- 2 Part-II of Form-A uploaded by the Wildlife Warden, Hosur Division on 08.01.2022
- 3 Part-III of Form-A uploaded by the Conservator of Forests, Dharmapuri Circle on 20.01.2022.

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I wish to state that in the reference 1<sup>st</sup> cited, the Block Development Officer, Soolagiri, Krishnagiri District has uploaded online forest clearance proposal under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 1.52 ha of forest land recorded in Revenue records as un-assessed waste-Forest Range land which defined as Forests in Ayaranapalli village, Soolagiri Taluk of Krishnagiri District for the formation of road from Rayakottai-Kelamangalam road to TATA Electronic Company km 0/00-0/812 through the forest area of Hosur Forest Division area in Krishnagiri District under proposal No. FP/TN/Road/144777/2021.



1) Brief details of the project are given below.

i) Name of the project in which forest land required reported as formation of road from Rayakottai-Kelamangalam road to TATA Electronic Company km 0/0 to 0/812 H/o Ayaranapalli Panchayat in Udedurgam RF.

ii) In the short narrative of the proposal for which forest land is required, the User Agency has stated the area requirement of 1.52 ha

iii) The User Agency has reported that area required in forest area is for 1.52 ha., and non forest land required for the project is Zero ha.,

iv) Diversion of 1.52 ha of forest has been requested in Hosur Wildlife Division area in Krishnagiri District and Name of the village in which forest land requested has been reported as Nallaralapalli.

v) The User Agency has furnished the component wise breakup details of land required for the project as road for the proposed diversion of 1.52 ha area.

vi) Location map of the forest land proposed to be diverted in kml file of google earth, Scanned copy of Survey of India topo sheet marking the road runs through forest area and Scanned copy of Geo referenced location details of the forest land proposed to be diverted have been uploaded.

In the location marked in the Survey of India topo sheet, it has been mentioned that SF No. 954-956, 959-965, 970-972, 977, 978 of Ayarnapalli village Shoolagiri Taluk in Krishnagiri District are classified as Forests and the proposed forest diversion area lies in S.F No. 954

vii) Note containing justification for locating the project in forest area has been uploaded.

viii) The User Agency has stated that this project is likely to generate permanent/ regular employment for 30000 persons and temporary establishment for 50000 persons. This project does not involve displacement of people due to the project and cost-benefit analysis and Environment clearance for the project are not required.

ix) The User Agency has reported that the project or part thereof is not located in any protected area or their Eco sensitive zone and this project or a part thereof is not located in a Scheduled area.



x) The User Agency has uploaded a copy of certificate issued in ROC No. 1646/2021/A3, dated 01.09.2021 by the District Collector, Krishnagiri District on completion of the process for settlement of Rights under the Forest Rights Act 2006 on the forest land proposed to be diverted of 1.52 ha.

xi) For the diversion of 1.52 ha of forest land, the user agency has identified 3.04 ha of non-forest land in SF No. 467/A2 in Sanamavu village adjoining the Sanamavu RF as compensatory land.

The District Collector, Krishnagiri in his letter No. 19952/2021/H3, dated 26.08.2021 addressed to the Wildlife Warden, Hosur Division has informed that the identified non-forest land will be handed over to Forest Department as compensatory land.

Surveyed sketch of non forest CA land and area marked in the Survey of India topo sheet have been uploaded in the proposal.

xii) In the additional information details section, following documents have been uploaded.

a) Certified that the proposed road land is lying in Ayaranapalli Revenue village, Uthanapalli Firka.

b) Certified that assured employment will be generated throughout the year after completion of the road project.

c) Certified that the forest land involved for the project is unavoidable and barest minimum.

d) Certified that the road formation of road from Rayakottai-Kelamangalam road to TATA Electronics company km 0/0-o/812 H/o Ayaranapalli Panchayat in Revenue land recorded as Forests in Soolagiri Taluk in Krishnagiri District with a length of 507 meter located in Ayaranapalli Panchayat in Hosur Forest Division will serve as the approach of TATA Electronic Company and certified that there is no other alternate route available for this company except this road.

e) Certified that there is no non forest land is available for the project and all alternatives have been examined and not feasible.

f) Certified that the user agency has not violated any provisions of the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 in seeking the minimum forest land required for the project.

g) Break up details of land required for the project



Length of the road 507.0m

Width of the road – 30.00m

Area required for the project 1.52 ha

h) 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 of the above project.

i) Undertaking to pay the amount of Net Present Value which will be fixed as per the guidelines of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

j) Undertaking to bear the cost of felling of trees and transportation cost of the trees likely to be removed, those available in the alignment path for the proposed diversion of forest land as fixed by the Forest Department.

k) Undertaking to deposit the cost of raising compensatory afforestation and maintenance of plantation.

l) Statement on non-forest land required for the project.

m) Undertaking to bear the additional 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.

n) Applicability of cost-benefit analysis for the project

o) Certificate issued by the District Collector, Krishnagiri on no alternate route found other than this work for the project proposal.

p) Consent letter issued by the District Collector, Krishnagiri District (Roc No. 1646/2021/A3, dated 01.09.2021) for handing over of 5.80 ha of land in SF No. 467/A of Sanamavu village for compensatory afforestation area selected for the project and any future proposal for diversion of forest land for the additional area (2.76 ha) proposed to handed over to the Forest Department.

q) Adangal Register copy of areas involved in the forest area diversion proposal with FMB sketch.

r) Location of forest area diversion marked in the Google earth map

s) Location of non forest CA land marked in the Google earth map

2) After obtaining proposal copy from the user agency, the proposal was forwarded to the Wildlife Warden, Hosur Division for taking appropriate action under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 guidelines.



The proposal has been forwarded by the Wildlife Warden, Hosur Division to the Conservator of Forests, Dharmapuri on 08.01.2022 and resubmitted the proposal on 13.01.2022.

3) In the Part-II of Form-A, the Wildlife Warden, Hosur Division has furnished following particulars.

i) The legal status of the proposed site of diversion of 1.52 ha of forest land requested for the project is unclassified forests.

As per site inspection report, name of the forest land reported as follows.

As per Revenue Records, the proposed site is classified as Un-assessed waste-Forest Range land which defined as Forest and area proposed for diversion is 1.52 ha

ii) The District Forest Officer has reported that, density of the forest area is 0.1 and Eco class of forest area is one

iii) The District Forest Officer has reported that there is no tree enumerated in the proposed forest diversion area.

iv) On the Brief note on vulnerability of the forest area to erosion, the Wildlife Warden has reported that it is a linear project and there will not be possibilities of soil erosion.

v) On the presence of wildlife in and around the forest land proposed for diversion, the Wildlife Warden reported that no direct and indirect signs recorded. The forest area proposed for diversion is not forms 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 diversion of 1.52 ha of forest land, the Wildlife Warden has proposed the compensatory afforestation scheme work in the 3.04 ha of non-forest land identified by the user agency and proposed to be handed over to the Forest Department in SF No. 467/A2 of Sanamavu village at an estimated cost of Rs. 1,47,49,596.

Salient feature of Compensatory Afforestation scheme proposed is as follows.

No of seedlings proposed for planting in one ha.	– 1000 No.
Maintenance years	- 10 years
Nursery, planting and 10 years maintenance cost	
With escalation of cost over the years	- Rs. 1,41,49,596
Construction of water harvesting structure 1 No.	– Rs. 6,00,000
Total cost of CA scheme	– Rs. 1,47,49,596

Site suitability certificate of the proposed CA area has been uploaded by the Wildlife Warden.

As per the guidelines issued by the Government of India non-forest CA lands has to be fenced at the cost of user agency.

ix) In the site inspection report, the Wildlife Warden has stated that, the road leading from Rayakottai-Kelamangalam road to TATA Electronic Company km 0/0-0/812 is passing through SF No. 954-956, 959, 965, 970-972, 977, 978 to an extent of 1.52 ha of Ayaranapalli village, Soolagiri Taluk, Krishnagiri District. As per Revenue records, the proposed site is classified as un-assessed waste-Forest Range land which defined as Forests. The proposed site for the formation of road diversion under FC Act 1980 is linear project. The vegetation of the terrain contains only scrubby growth and hence the question of tree felling does not arise due to diversion of 1.52 ha for formation of road.

The compensatory afforestation area in lieu of the diversion of 1.52 ha identified in SF No. 467A/2 of Sanamavu village of Soolagiri Taluk in Krishnagiri District inspected on 08.01.2022. The total extent of the SF No. 467A is 5.80 ha in which an extent of 3.04 ha has been earmarked in favour of Forest Department. The compensatory land is a hillock and type of vegetation is dry deciduous scrub forest. The faunal diversity of the compensatory area is frequently visited by wild animals



such as Elephant and Leopard. Spotted deer, Indian hare and wild boar etc., are present in this area.

The proposed compensatory land is adjoining to Sanamavu RF and therefore found convenient from Forest management point of view and also suitable for afforestation purposes. It is also easier to protect the land with existing staff. Besides the land could be annexed with the Sanamavu RF and suitable habitat connectivity could be established for movement of wild animals.

x) In the specific recommendation of the proposal, the Wildlife Warden, Hosur Division has reported that the proposed site is located on the northern side of the Udedurgam RF at a distance of 2.1km. The site consists of only shrubs and hence the question of damage to the flora and fauna does not arise and no tree felling is involved due to the diversion of 1.52 ha of the area for the formation of road. There is no endangered species of flora and fauna. Considering the facts and field observation, the Wildlife Warden has recommended the proposal for seeking diversion of land.

4) The Conservator of Forests, Dharmapuri Circle has inspected the area on 10.01.2022 and has remarked that the proposed road is formed it will also serve for the benefit of the job opportunity to the local residents and recommended the proposal for diversion of 1.52 ha of forest area.

Part-III of Form-A with site inspection and recommendation of the project has been uploaded in the web portal by the Conservator of Forests, Dharmapuri Circle on 20.01.2022 and furnished the hard copy of the proposal.

5) The User Agency has requested forest area diversion for a period of 50 years. The Wildlife Warden, Hosur Division and Conservator of Forests Dharmapuri Circle have recommended the forest area diversion for a period of 20 years.

Based on the recommendations made by the Wildlife Warden, and Conservator of Forests, diversion of forest area for the project proposal recommended for a period of 20 years.

6) As recommended by the Wildlife Warden, Hosur Division and Conservator of Forests, Dharmapuri Circle, the proposal for diversion of 1.52 ha of forest land recorded in Revenue records as un-assessed waste-Forest Range land which defined as



Forests in Ayaranapalli village, Soolagiri Taluk of Krishnagiri District for the formation of road from Rayakottai-Kelamangalam road to TATA Electronic Company km 0/00-0/812 through the forest area of Hosur Forest Division area in Krishnagiri District in favour of Block Development Officer, Soolagiri Union, Krishnagiri District may be recommended subject to the following additional conditions.

a) The legal status of the diverted forest land remains unchanged.

b) 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.

c) The User Agency has to fence, mutate and transfer 5.80 ha of non forest land (including additional area of 2.76 ha for any future proposal for diversion of forest land) identified in SF No. 467/A of Sanamavu village of Soolagiri Block in Krishnagiri District to the Forest Department.

d) 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.

e) The User Agency has to pay the amount of Net Present Value which will be fixed as per the guidelines of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

f) 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.

g) Amount of Compensatory levies, Net Present Value of forest area under the project shall be transferred / deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>)

h) The User Agency has 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 of the above project in future for the entire project period as the forest area diversion is meant for commercial activity usage.



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

j) Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violations of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per rules in force.

k) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceeds 1.52 ha

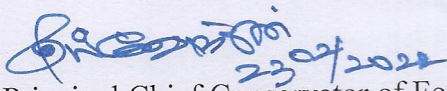
l) Period of lease can be twenty (20) years. The User Agency has to apply renewal proposal before one year of expiry of lease with the State Forest Department.

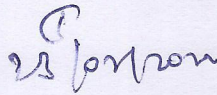
m) Any other conditions that the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forests and wildlife.

7) 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 Government of India approval may be obtained for the diversion of 1.52 ha of forest land recorded in Revenue records as un-assessed waste-Forest Range land which defined as Forests in Ayaranapalli village, Soolagiri Taluk of Krishnagiri District for the formation of road from Rayakottai-Kelamangalam road to TATA Electronic Company km 0/00-0/812 through the forest area of Hosur Forest Division area in Krishnagiri District in favour of Block Development Officer, Soolagiri Union, Krishnagiri District for a period of 20 years.

Encl: As stated above.

Yours faithfully

  
For Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Department)





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 – Dhgarmapuri Forest Circle / Hosur Wildlife Division - Proposal for diversion of 1.52 ha of forest land recorded in Revenue records as un-assessed waste-Forest Range land which defined as Forests in Ayaranapalli village, Soolagiri Taluk of Krishnagiri District for the formation of road from Rayakottai-Kelamangalam road to TATA Electronic Company km 0/00-0/812 through the forest area of Hosur Forest Division area in Krishnagiri District in favour of Block Development Officer, Soolagiri Union, Krishnagiri District - Proposal No. FP/TN/Road/144777/2021

	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

Signature :

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
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Name Designation :

Dr. V. Naganathan, I.F.S.,  
Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Forest Conservation Act),  
O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Department), Chennai-15

Date : 11.02.2022.