

TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

From

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To

The Chief Conservator of Forests,
Dindigul Circle,
Dindigul.

C.No:6534/2019/D1 dated:18.07.2020.

Sir,

Sub :- Forest - Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Dindigul and Trichy Circle / Dindigul Division - Proposal for diversion of 3.708 Ha. of Natham to Thuvarankurichi (NH-785 extension) traverse through Natham tehsil of Dindigul District and Marungapuri Tehsil of Trichy District - Online proposal submission by the User Agency i.e, National Highways Authority of India, Dindigul – Regarding.

Ref: 1) The Chief Conservator of Forests, Dindigul C.No.6310/2019/ D1 dated: 18.06.2020.
2) District Forest Officer, Dindigul C.No. 6534/2019/D1 dated: 25.06.2020.
3) National Highway Authority of India Letter No. NHAI/PIU/DGL/11016/01/F.CN/N-T/NH/785(E/2020/1198) dated 27.06.2020.

I submit to state that essential details (EDS) were sought in reference 1st cited to study the impact of the road project on Biodiversity and to seek the possibility of alternative alignment of the road. The further queries in this regard were raised with the user agency in the reference 2nd cited.


The National Highway Authority of India in its letter in 3rd reference cited stated that the project is categorized as a high priority project by Government of India and the authority has already frozen the alignment of the project based on the Biodiversity report given by the District Forest Officer, Dindigul in letter No. 6135/2018/D1 dated 11.09.2018. Further, the authority mentioned that at this advance stage, the study of alternative alignment could not be possible as it will attract the modification of entire alignment which deviate the contract clause and results in revenue loss to the Government exchequer.

In addition, National Highway Authority of India also assured that any mitigation measure proposed by the Forest Department to protect the endangered animal species of Slender loris will be considered along with the proposal.

The proposed road to a length of 618 mtrs. and width of 60 mtrs. is found bisecting the forest area of Chinnaiyampatti Karadu RF in Natham Range, Dindigul Forest Division with little impact on free movement, population viability of slender loris and it's habitat. Hence, the adequate mitigation measure is required to be under taken to reduce the impact of the above road project by way of obtaining appropriate funding from the user agency.

Hence, the above road project is recommended subject to the condition that the user agency shall provide the necessary fund to the Tamil Nadu Forest Department as decided by the concerned competent authority besides meeting the other requirements as per the relevant Act.

Yours Faithfull


12/07/20
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