

TAMIL NADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

From

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(Through Conservator of Forests, Dharmapuri
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C. No. 7228 / 2022 / D, dated 19-09-2022

Sir,

Sub : Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Dharmapuri Circle / Wildlife Warden, Hosur Forest Division, Hosur – Proposal for diversion of 0.9856ha of forest land in Ayaranapalli village for erection of 110KV Transmission line from Rayakottai – Kelamangalam road to TATA Electronics Company in Ayaranapalli village in Krishnagiri District - Regarding.

- Ref : 1) Online forest clearance proposal uploaded by the Executive Engineer, TLC / TANTRANSCO, Opp. Collectorate, Dharmapuri, Dharmapuri District – Proposal No. FP / TN / Trans / 155570 / 2022 dated 19-05-2022.
- 2) The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Department), Chennai. C.No.TS3 / 15954 / 2022, dated 26-08-2022.
- 3) The Executive Engineer, TLC / TANTRANSCO, Opp. Collectorate, Dharmapuri, Dharmapuri District Lr.No. EE / TLC / DPI / F.TATA Electronics / D.209 / 22 dated 02-09-2022.

I submit herewith, the proposal for diversion of 0.9856 ha of forest land in Ayaranapalli village for erection of 110KV Transmission line from Rayakottai - Kelamangalam road to TATA Electronics Company in S.F. Nos. 954-956, 959-965, 970-972, 977 & 978 (Part-1) (0.21.12), (Part-2) (0.11.44) (Part-3) (0.66.00) to an extent of 0.98.56ha of Ayaranapalli Panchayat, Shoolagiri Taluk, which is mentioned in the Revenue Record as "UAW-Vanasaragam was received from the User Agency i.e. the Executive Engineer, TLC / TANTRANSCO, Opp. Collectorate, Dharmapuri, Dharmapuri District in the Ref (3) cited above.

2) The forest area proposed diverted area has been inspected by me on 02-09-2022 along with the Forest Range Officer, staffs of Rayakottai Forest Range and with the User Agency of the above project. The erection of proposed 110 KV Transmission line from Rayakottai – Kelamangalam Road to TATA Electronics Company is passing through S.F. Nos. 954-956, 959-965, 970-972, 977 & 978 (Part-1) (0.21.12), (Part-2) (0.11.44) (Part-3) (0.66.00) to an extent of 0.98.56 ha of Ayaranapalli Panchayat, Shoolagiri Taluk, Krishnagiri District. As per Revenue Record, the proposed site is classified as "Un-assessed Waste - Vanasaragam" land which defined as "Forest". The proposed site for the erection of 110KV Transmission line under FC Act, 1980 is a linear project. The site inspection report and recommendation of the Wildlife Warden, Hosur Forest Division, Hosur of this proposal has been annexed separately.

The total forest area required for the proposed road in the forest land in Ayaranapalli Village is as follows.

Sl. No.	Survey Field Numbers	Proposed area details		
		Length (m)	Width (m)	Area (ha)
1	954-956, 959-965, 970-972, 977 and 978 (Part-1)	96	22	0.2112
2	954-956, 959-965, 970-972, 977 and 978 (Part-2)	52	22	0.1144
3	954-956, 959-965, 970-972, 977 and 978 (Part-3)	300	22	0.6600
Total		488	22	0.9856

3) Under Chapter III (2) (viii) of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980, no Compensatory Afforestation shall be insisted for the proposals involving diversion of forest land up to one hectare. In this case the proposed diverted land is 0.9856ha which very close to the 1.00ha. Hence, for increasing the forest cover to 33% as per the National Forest Policy, it is proposed to raise Compensatory Afforestation for double the area in the degraded forest land of Melumalai Reserved Forest in Rayakottai Range to an extent of 2.00ha. The degraded forest land for

Compensation Afforestation has been inspected by me on 03-09-2022 and it is quite suitable for raising Compensatory Afforestation. It is also approachable and manageable on protection point of view. For this purpose, the user agency has given necessary undertaking for payment of cost for Compensatory Afforestation as fixed by the forest department.

4) In the proposed alignment of the transmission line, the Forest Range Officer, Rayakottai has stated that, there is no trees has to be felled in the proposed diversion of 0.9856ha of forest area. However, the User Agency has also given necessary "undertaking" for payment of value of trees as fixed by the forest department for cost of felling including transportation, loading and unloading charges etc.

5) The Net Present value may be fixed as per the orders of the Supreme Court of India in Writ petition (Civil) No. 202 / 1995 dated 28-03-2008 and 09-05-2008 and also as per Government of India Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (Forest Conservation Division) New Delhi File No. 5-3 / 2011 - FC (Vol-I) dated 06-01-2022 is as follows. In ECO class III "Consisting of tropical dry deciduous forest" the rate per hectare is as follows.

Very dense forest : Rs.13,57,110 / ha.

Dense forest : Rs.12,28,590 / ha.

Open forest : Rs.9,57,780 / ha.

In this case, the rate for open forest may be fixed as Net Present Value for 0.9856ha. i.e., $0.9856\text{ha} \times \text{Rs.}9,57,780 / \text{ha.} = \text{Rs. } 9,44,000/-$. Regarding this, the User Agency has given necessary "undertaking" for the payment of Net Present Value and Additional Net Present Value if any as fixed by the Forest Department.

6) The proposed site is located about 2.1 km away from Udedurgam RF, which is part of Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary. The elephants migrated out from the Reserved Forests of Udedurgam RF and move to Sanamavu RF for crop raid by crossing many villages / hamlets in this area. A railway line is also running at nearly 2km distance from the proposed site towards the direction of RF. Train accidents in the past have happened in this stretch which led to death of seven elephants. The

elephants which move from Udedurgam RF to Sanamavu RF are also impacted by National Highways (NH-44). Hence, to contain elephants within the contiguous forest areas, a Wildlife Mitigation Plan at a cost of Rs.7.365 Crore is prepared to upload in the PARIVESH online web portal. The same proposal has been submitted to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden, Chennai for the approval.

7) The user agency has furnished necessary undertaking for the payment of annual lease rent as assessed by the Forest Department. All the "undertaking" given by the User Agency are enclosed in the proposals itself along with the prescribed checklist.

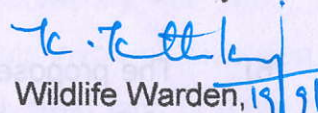
8) The User Agency has produced the certificate from the District Collector, Krishnagiri that, no alternative suitable non-forest land available for the project.


9) The User Agency has also produced the certificate from the District Collector, Krishnagiri regarding Scheduled Tribes and Other traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006.

Therefore, under the circumstances, I request that the proposal for diversion of 0.9856ha of forest land which is classified in the Revenue record as "UAW-Vanasaragam in Rayakottai Range in Hosur Forest Division for erection of 110KV Transmission line from Rayakottai - Kelamangalam road to TATA Electronics Company may kindly be submitted for getting the concurrence of the Government of India.

Enclosure: As stated above. (Proposal in quadruplicate)

Yours faithfully


Wildlife Warden, 19/9/22
Hosur Forest Division,
Hosur.


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Copy submitted to the Conservator of Forests, Dharmapuri Circle, Dharmapuri for necessary action.