

TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

From

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To

✓ The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
(Head of Forest Force),
Chennai – 15.

Through

The Conservator of Forests and
Field Director,
Anaimalai Tiger Reserve,
Coimbatore – 43.

Ref.No.3953/2022/D1 dated. 20.09.2022

Sir,

Sub: Forests (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Coimbatore Forest Division –
Online forest clearance proposal for diversion of 4.85 ha. of forest
land in Pillur slope RF of Coimbatore Forest Division for
improvement of 230KV Substation into 400 KV Substation at
Parali in Coimbatore District – Report submission – Regarding.

- Ref: 1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Head of Forest
Force) Chennai Ref. No.TS3/43555/2021 Dated.14.07.2022
2. The Superintending Engineer, General Construction Circle,
Coimbatore – Lr. No. SE/GCC/CBE/AEE/MONT/F.Parali
400/230 KV SS / D.No.225/22, dated 05.08.2022
3. This office Ref. No. 3953/2022/D1, dated 11.08.2022.
4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Head of Forest
Force) Chennai Ref. No.TS3/43555/2021 Dated.05.09.2022

With reference to the short comings pointed out in the Principal Chief
Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Chennai reference 4th cited above, I submit my remarks
as follows.

1. Regarding the Compensatory Afforestation, it is submitted that, the
Compensatory Afforestation area has been identified in the degraded forest
area of Odanthurai Reserved Forests, Erakkorai Saragam in Odanthurai
Beat, Sirumugai Range and it is suitable for raising Compensatory
Afforestation plantation (Suitability Certificate is enclosed herewith). The
extent of proposed Compensatory Afforestation plantation area is 10.00 Ha.
Accordingly revised maps of proposed degraded forest area for
Compensatory Afforestation and revised estimates for Compensatory

Afforestation scheme are submitted herewith for kind perusal. Necessary details have been uploaded to this effect in the Part – II of online proposal.

2. The nursery for the Compensatory Afforestation project is to be raised in the Central Nursery, Odanthurai in Sirumugai Range. At present the existing fencing is fully damaged and in order to protect the nursery from the Wild animals particularly from the hares, spotted deer & sambar, the chain link fence is proposed. This nursery is situated adjacent to Forest Depot at Mettupalayam – Kotagiri Road. The actual requirement of fencing is 230 RM and the estimate is modified accordingly.
3. For supporting the survival of the seedlings to be planted in the degraded forest for compensatory afforestation, watering has been proposed after planting. Accordingly, provision has been made in the planting estimate. There is no water source nearby the degraded forest area. Hence, the borewell is necessary in the plantation area for watering.
4. Elephant Proof Trench is provided to prevent damage to the planted seedlings by the wild elephants etc., in the proposed plantation in degraded forest area in Odanthurai Reserve Forest, as the area is known for movement of elephants.
5. The chain link fence is proposed only for protection of nursery which is located far away from the proposed plantation area.

This is for favour of kind information.

Encl : As stated above

Yours Faithfully,
Sd/- T.K.Ashokkumar
District Forest Officer
Coimbatore Division.

Copy submitted to the Conservator of Forests & Field Director, Anaimalai Tiger Reserve, Coimbatore.

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Superintendent
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