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उप महाप्रबंधक (तकनिकी) सह परियोजना निदेशक के कार्यालय परियोजना कार्यान्वयन इकाई

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NHAI/PIU/DGL/11016/01/F.C/N-T/NH-785(E)/2021/1433 dated: 30.06.2021

To

The District Forest Officer, Dindigul Forest Division, Dindigul.

Sir,

Sub: NHAI - PIU - Dindigul - Four laning of Natham - Thuvarankurichi from Km.35+500 to Km.61+116 section of NH - 785E - Forest land an extent of 3.708 Ha involved - Observation of RO, MoEF&CC, Chennai - Compliances submitted - Request for early recommendation - reg.

Ref:

1) Online application uploaded vide FP/TN/Road/37330/2018 dated 28.11.2018 and revised online application dated 03.06.2019.

2) The Additional chief Secretary to Government, Environmental & Forest Department, Chennai letter No. 17780/FR.10/2020-1 dated 08.02.2021

The RO, MoEF&CC, Chennai file No.4-TNB071/2021-CHN dated 12.04.2021

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Head of Forest Force) Chennai Lr. C.No.TS4/52452/2018 dated 19.04.2021.

5) The DFO, Dindigul.C.No.6534/2019/D1 dated 20.05.2021.

It is brought to your kind knowledge that the proposal for diversion of forest land to an extant of 3.708 Ha in ChinnayampattiKaradu Reserve Forest block, Nathamtaluk of Dindigul District to National Highways Authority of India for the project Four laning of Natham - Thuvarankurichi section NH-758E has been uploaded in the MoEF&CC, online portal on 28.11.2018.

2. In this connection, the instant proposal has been recommended by Government of Tamil Nadu to RO, MoEF&CC, Chennai for getting stage-I approval vide letter ref.2nd cited. On Scrutiny of above proposal, the RO, MoEF&CC, Chennai has requested to submit additional information/documents/updation vide ref.3rd cited

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and the same has been called for by PCCF, Chennai to DFO, Dindigul for further process vide letter ref.4th cited.

3. In this connection it is submitted that, with reference to the observation/Additional information called for by the RO, MoEF&CC, Chennai, Sl.No.(b)& (d) is to be complied by NHAI and also the same has been requested by DFO, Dindigul vide ref. 5th cited to submit the correct KML file since the present proposal is deviating from the existing ROW/Road. As such the following compliance is submitted for your kind perusal,

SI. No	Observation of RO, MoEF&CC, Chennai	Reply of NHAI
b	In the KML file it is seen that the	> As observed by RO, MoEF&CC, Chennai
	present proposal is deviating from	the existing forest road is deviating from
	the existing RoW/Road, hence the	the proposed alignment of subject four
	left out area (of existing road)	laning project fromKm. 50+980 to Km.
	needs appropriate restoration	51+143 for a length of163.00 m.Since,
	provision in future if any; need to	this project is four lane project, the
	be included along with the	alignment has to be designed as per the
	proposal. Also in the KML file it is	minimum design speed and for maximize
	seen that, towards southern side	curve radius as per IRC.
	some of the tree growth area has	> The existing forest road is single lane
	been left out, it needs verification	road of 3.50 m width& earthen shoulder
	at ground.	of 1m on either sides and non-geometry
		with having steep curves. For designing
		the alignment as per IRC, the alignment
		has been proposed with minimum curve
		and maximum portion of existing forest
		road to be utilized. As such, the entire
		existing forest road could not be
		accommodated within the proposed

SI.	Observation of RO, MoEF&CC,	Reply of NHAI
SI. No	Observation of RO, MoEF&CC, Chennai	alignment since the existing forest road is non geometry in nature. Hence, only one portion of existing forest road fromKm. 50+980 to Km. 51+143 for a length of 163.00 m is deviating from the proposed alignment. > However, the above left out area i.e. the area between the existing forest road and the proposed ROW will not be utilized by NHAI. The construction works will be carried out within the proposed ROW of 60m and left out area as mentioned above will remain forest land only. > In this connection, the following undertaking is given by NHAI for restoration of above deviated area, i. The bituminous surface of deviated existing forest road portion and existing road embankment will be completely removed by NHAI and the surface will be maintained as natural
		forest portion. Also, the removed bituminous debris will be transported to non-forest area as directed by Forest Department. ii. A good quality fertile

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		soil/gravelwill be refilled wherever the bituminous portion removed.
		iii. The avenue will be planted by
		NHAI in the deviated portion and
		the number & type of species as
		directed by the Forest
		Department.
		iv. The avenue will be maintained by
		NHAI for the entire maintenance
		period of present contract or as
		per the direction of Forest
		Department.
		v. The fencing will be provided by
		NHAI as the traffic could not be
		entered into the deviated portion
		of existing forest road.
		vi. Also, NHAI undertakes that, if any
		further mitigation measures
		proposed by the forest
		department for protecting the
		deviated portion will be taken up.
- 16		> In view of above, the KML filesubmitted
		along with the original proposal is correct
		and further correction as requested by
		DFO, Dindigul is not required. Once again
		the original KML file is enclosed

SI.	Observation of RO, MoEF&CC, Chennai	Reply of NHAI
d	Also in order to fell the 455 spontaneous growth of tree; order from the Hon'ble Supreme court of India needs to be obtained and submitted.	herewith. Also the above undertaking duly signed by Authorized officer i.e. Manager (tech), NHAI, PIU-Dindigul is enclosed herewith. In connection of left out trees as observed, it is informed that the trees existing within the proposed forest area to be diverted has been enumerated and certified that there is no trees have been left out. For felling of 455 Nos of Spontaneous growth trees, the application has been submitted before Hon'ble supreme court of India and number as I.A. no.2186/2021 and process of court proceeding is in progress. The copy of filling details obtained from the Supreme court of India Website is enclosed. Also, it is hereby undertake that the felling of above Spontaneous growth will be taken up only after getting approval from the Hon'ble Supreme court of India and Forest Department. Meantime, the process of Stage-I approval may be processed.

Hence, it is requested that the above compliances may please be communicated to PCCF, Chennai for getting early Stage-I approval from the MoEF&CC, Chennai.

Encl: As above.

Yours faithfully,

(M.Muthudayar)

Deputy General Manager (Tech)

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Project Director

Development of Economic Corridors and Feeder Routes to Improve the Efficiency of Freight Movement in India under Bharatmala Pariyojana, Lot 6/Package-I: Natham - Thuvarankurichi

Forest Clearance Proposal

UNDERTAKING

I hereby undertakes that,

- i. The bituminous surface of deviated existing forest road portion and existing road embankment from Km. 50+980 to Km. 51+143 for a length of 163.00 m will be completely removed by NHAI and the surface will be maintained as natural forest portion. Also, the removed bituminous debris will be transported to non-forest area as directed by Forest Department.
- ii. A good quality fertile soil/gravel will be refilled wherever the bituminous portion removed.
- iii. The avenue will be planted by NHAI in the deviated portion and the number & type of species as directed by the Forest Department.
- iv. The avenue will be maintained by NHAI for the entire maintenance period of present contract or as per the direction of Forest Department.
- v. The fencing will be provided by NHAI as the traffic could not be entered into the deviated portion of existing forest road.
- vi. Also, if any further mitigation measures proposed by the forest department for protecting the deviated portion will be taken up by NHAI.

Manager (Technical) National Highways Authority of India PIU-Dindigul