

Coimbatore City Municipal Corporation

From

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Commissioner,
Coimbatore Corporation,
Coimbatore - 641 001.



To

The District Forest Officer,
Coimbatore District,
Coimbatore.

Roc.No. 11324/2015/MH5,

Dated: 07.05.2018.

Sir,

- Ref. :- 1. Clarification sought by the Principal Secretary to Govt. of Tamilnadu pertaining to the clarification sought by the Conservator of Forest, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate change.
2. Letter of the D.F.O.Coimbatore, dated 24.11.2017, in Roc.No.Va1/7467/2017, confirming the status of Lands lying at Tholampalayam Village.
3. Letter to the District Collector dated 26.12.2017 in Roc.No. 11324/2015/MH5.
4. Letter by the District Collector Coimbatore to the Addl. Chief Secretary/Commissioner of Land Administration dated 01.03.2018 Roc.No. 2089/2016.A3.
5. Your Officer Letter to the Conservator of Forest, Coimbatore dated 12.03.2018, Roc.No. Va.1/10872/2015.

Subject :- Diversion of 3.64 ha of Forest Land in Madukkarai Village of Coimbatore for expansion of burial ground – allocation of alternative compensatory lands - regarding,

It is pertinent to note that the Coimbatore Municipal Corporation had submitted an application to the Online Submission & Monitoring of Environmental Forest and Wildlife Clearance, seeking for the alienation of land measuring 9 acres (3.64.5 hectares) of the Forest Assessed Waste Land- bearing S.F.Nos. 1044/6, 1143/1, 1143/2B, 1145, and 1146 of

Madukkarai Village, Coimbatore District belonging to the Forest Department, to the Coimbatore Municipal Corporation to the existing burial ground in and adjoining the above mentioned forest land for the purpose of carrying out essential improvements by exchange of double extent of Revenue department land for the purpose of afforestation.

Based on the same the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, had sought certain clarifications and for the submission of additional documents from the Corporation. In this regard, the Coimbatore Municipal Corporation has submitted the corrected and rectified kml file for consideration of the department along with the revenue records ascertain the title. Similarly, after conducting fresh survey of the said lands and by due rectification, the identity of the DGPS non forest land for compensatory afforestation is also submitted.

It is also submitted that it is true that **the proposed area is lying equally on both sides of the road and that there exists burial ground on both sides of the road which had been utilized by the local public for years together and proposal is sought for the expansion of the existing burial ground alone and not for a new proposal.** The larger extent of area sought for the expansion and development, is to see that public belonging to all communities utilize a common area for burial and that not only the publics within the Corporation limits but also enabling publics of the nearby panchayats to utilize the said area.

It was further submitted that in order to clarify the queries of the Environment Department, the officials of the Coimbatore Corporation and Revenue Department, Coimbatore, made a personal visit for verification of the records maintained by the Ministry of Environment, and accordingly come to understand that the 'Online' verification of the lie of the proposed area reflects that the extent of 306 hectares of land in S.F.No. 958 of Tholampalayam Village, Mettupalayam, including that of the proposed area, is inside the reserved forest and is maintained by the Ministry of Environment, in the classification as Reserved Forests. But, the revenue records maintained by the revenue department till date shows that the said 306 hectares and 61.5 acres, are in the name of the State Government itself till date.



Hence it was requested that a personal inspection by a team of officers belonging to the Forest Department, Revenue Department, District Administration namely Corporation is formed and a site inspection is carried out forth with to certify that the proposed area is revenue land, in the interest of the development scheme. Accordingly, a team was formed and inspected the property and after inspection by its proceedings dated

24.11.2017 in Roc.No. Val/7467/2017, the District Forest Officer, Coimbatore had ascertained that the said lands to the extent of 306 hectares in S.F.No. 958 of Tholampalayam Village, Mettupalayam, including that of the proposed area, is inside the reserved forest and is maintained by the Ministry of Environment, in the classification as Reserved Forests.

In the above said circumstances in order to go ahead with the proposals of the development scheme, which is under progression, the District Collector of Coimbatore had by his consent letter denoted in Ref.No.4, dated 01.03.2018, in Roc.No. 2089/2016/A3, had approved to allot an extent of 7.28 Hectares or 18.00 acres or 72836.40 sq.mts, of revenue land situated at S.F.No. 499/3, Thenkarai Village, Perur Taluk, Coimbatore, in place of the earlier decided land as alternative lands, as compensatory lands for the alienation of land measuring 9 acres (3.64.5 hectares) of the Forest Assessed Waste Land- bearing S.F.Nos. 1044/6, 1143/1, 1143/2B, 1145, and 1146 of Madukkarai Village, Coimbatore District belonging to the Forest Department, to the Coimbatore Corporation by submitting all documents to the Commissioner of Land Administration.

We have already prepared detailed proposals of development pertaining to the allocation of the same to the various community peoples by allocating funds and the said proposal is ready for execution and pending for a long period anticipating the consent.

I therefore request that the land alienation proposal for allotting more space to the existing burial ground as mentioned above may please be considered in the proper perspective and favourably and that necessary orders in this regard may please be issued at the earliest. The connected village records, FMB and other records are enclosed In this regard for your positive consideration of the proposal.


Commissioner
Coimbatore Corporation.


Enclosures: The copy of the consent letter of the District Collector dated 01.03.2018, in Roc.No. 2089/2016/A3.

The related Survey records, sketches.