



**ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE  
& FORESTS(FR.10) DEPARTMENT,  
SECRETARIAT, CHENNAI 9.**

**Letter No.11932/FR.10/2022-1, Dated 10.08.2022**

From  
Tmt.Supriya Sahu, IAS.,  
Additional Chief Secretary to Government.

To  
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF)  
Chennai-15.

Sir,

Sub: Forest - Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Diversion of 0.678 ha of forest land for upgradation of Mahaniyam to Padappai road km 0/188-1/200 lies in Mahaniyam Reserved Forest to a length of 1012m in Kancheepuram Forest Division in Kancheepuram District in favour of the Divisional Engineer, Highways, Nabard and Rural Roads, Chengalpattu District - State Government's in-principle approval (Stage-I) - Accorded.

Ref: From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, letter No.TS3/39351/2021, dated 01.07.2022.

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With reference to your letter cited, I am directed to convey the State Government's in-principle approval (Stage-I) under Section 2 of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.678 ha of forest land for upgradation of Mahaniyam to Padappai road km 0/188-1/200 lies in Mahaniyam Reserved Forest, to a length of 1012m in Kancheepuram Forest Division in Kancheepuram District, in favour of the Divisional Engineer, Highways, Nabard and Rural Roads, Chengalpattu District, for a period of 20 years, under general approval category as per the provisions of guidelines under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for Critical development initiatives for public, since the proposal comes under construction / widening of roads category, subject to the following conditions:-

- i). The legal status of the diverted forest land remains unchanged.
- ii). The demarcation of the proposed forest land shall be carried out by the User Agency, by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at their cost.
- iii). The user agency has to pay the cost towards compensatory afforestation scheme over an extent of 1.436 ha of degraded forest area as per the Compensatory Afforestation scheme including maintenance for a period of 10 years.
- iv). The User Agency has to pay the Net Present Value of proposed forest diversion area which will be fixed as per the guidelines of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India / Government of India.

- v). The User Agency has to bear the additional amount of Net Present Value which will be fixed as per the guidelines of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, as fixed by Forest Department in future.
- vi). Amount of Compensatory Afforestation scheme, Net Present Value of diverted forest area under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>)
- vii). The user agency has to obtain permission from the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India for felling of 4 numbers of spontaneous tree growth in the forest area proposed for the project.
- viii). The User Agency has to pay the cost towards annual lease rent for the forest area diversion period as fixed by the Forest Department at the time of sanction along with any escalation for the forest land to be diverted of the above project in future for the entire project period.
- ix). The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.678 ha with a width of 1012 m and width of 6.70m (3.75m carriage way and 1.475 ha shoulder on either side) in Mahaniyam RF.
- x). The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under any circumstances, be transferred to any other agencies/department or person, without prior approval.
- xi). Period of lease will be twenty (20) years. The User Agency has to apply renewal proposal, before one year of expiry of lease with the State Forest Department.

2. I am also to inform you that, only after receipt of the compliance report on all the above mentioned conditions, the proposal will be considered for final approval and transfer of Reserved Forest land to User Agency shall not be effected prior to the issue of final approval. Further, this in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 5 years and in the event of non-compliance of the above conditions, this in-principle approval shall automatically stand revoked after 5 years.

Yours faithfully,

M. Megala  
12/8/2022

for Additional Chief Secretary to Government.

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