HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT THENI DIVISION

From Thiru.S.Swaminathan.ME, Divisional Engineer (Highways), Construction and Maintenance, Theni.

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
(Head of forest Force),
Chennai

Lr.No:180/2019/JDO-3, Dated:15.03.2024

Sir,

Sub: Highways - Proposal for the Diversion of 2.839 Heactare (Now Revised as 1.658 Hectare) of Forest land for the improvement work of Theni Bye –Pass road Connecting Dindigul – Theni road and Madurai Cochin road across Valkaradu Reserved Forest of Theni Division – Proposed under Forest [conservation] Act, 1980 – Revised Demand received – Request Permission for Part payment- Regarding.

Ref: 1. Environment, Forest and Climate Change Department, Chennai F.No:4-TNB068/2022-CHN/1144 Dated 31.10.2022

- 2. The District Forest Officer, Theni C.No:7304/2013/D, Dated:18.12.2021
- 3. G.O.(Ms).No:122 Highways& Minor Ports Department, Dated:25.09.2023
- 4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Chennai. Ref.No:02.11.2022.
- 5. The District Forest Officer, Theni C.No:7304/2013/D, Dated:15.02.2024
- The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Chennai. Ref.No:12.03.2024.

The Government of India Environment, Forest and Climate Change Department, Chennai has been issued Stage-I approval Vide F.No:4-TNB068/2022-CHN/1144 Dated 31.10.2022 for improvement work of Theni By- Pass Road connecting Dindigul- Theni road and Madurai – Cochin Road across Valkaradu Reserve Forest infavour of Divisional Engineer (Highways), Construction and Maintenance, Theni vide reference 1st cited.

In continuance of the above order, District Forest Officer, Theni has issue a demand notice vide reference 2nd cited and the details is as follows:-

1.	Cost for carryout plantation and its maintenance over an extent of 3.316 ha non-forest area in survey field number 1511/1 in Veerapandi Village, Theni District.	₹.51,75,000/-
2.	Net Present Value (NPV) of the Proposed Forest Area as per the Rates Stipulated by the Ministry of Environment and Forests in file No: 5-3/2011-FC (Vol.I) Dated:06.01.2022 and 19.01.2022.	₹.15,88,000/-
3.	Cost of fencing around Valkaradu Reserve Forest for a length of 4.96 KM	₹.87,50,000/-
	Total	₹.1,55,13,000/-

7. Based on the demand notice, The above amount has proposed from the Government and the same was sanctioned vide G.O.(Ms).No:122 Highways& Minor Ports Department, Dated:25.09.2023 vide reference 3rd cited.

The above demand notice was uploaded in *Parivesh* web portal for the approval of nodal officer. But, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) (Nodal officer) has rejected the demand as raised by the District Forest Officer, Theni. Further instructed to revise the demand notice vide reference 4th cited.

Based on above, The District Forest Forest Officer, Theni has issued a revised demand notice vide 5^{th} cited and the details is as follows:-

1.	Raising Plantation and its Maintenance in non-forest area at the cost of user agency.	₹.51,75,000/-
2.	Net Present Value (NPV) of the Proposed Forest Area	₹.20,37,002/-
3.	Fencing around Valkaradu Reserve Forest and specific fencing at small patches of Forest area likely to be standalone.	₹.1,31,25,000/-
	Total	₹.2,03,37,002/-

The above revised demand has been uploaded in *Parivesh* web portal for the approval of nodal officer and the same was approved for an amount of Rs.20337002/-. But, an amount of Rs.1,55,13,000/- has been received and additional amount Rs.48,24,002/- has been requested from the Government. Dut, to insufficied of funds demand has been

canceled in Parivesh portal. Hence, I request to give the provision for making payment in two installments as follows:-

1st installment:

	Total	₹.1,51,62,002/-
2.	Fencing around Valkaradu Reserve Forest and specific fencing at small patches of Forest area likely to be standalone.	₹. 1,31,25,000/-
1	Net Present Value (NPV) of the Proposed Forest Area	₹.20,37,002/-

2nd installment:

1.	Raising Plantation and its Maintenance in non-forest area at the cost of user agency.	₹.	51,75,000/-
	Total	₹	51,75,000/-

I request necessary early orders.

Divisional Engineer (Highways), Construction and Maintenance, Theni.

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