



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

Letter No.8879/FR.10/2022-1, Dated 13.06.2022

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

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

Sir,

Sub: Forests - Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Alangayam RF, Tuirupattur District - Diversion of 0.845 ha of forest land in Alangayam RF for widening and improvement of Polur-Jamunamarathur- Alangayam-Vaniyampadi road from km 58/6 to 61/2 with paved shoulder (SH 215) in Tirupathur Forest Division in favour of the Divisional Engineer, Highways, C&M, Tirupathur, Tirupathur District – State Government's in principle approval (Stage-I) accorded.

Ref: Your letter No. TS3/5441/2022, dated 20.05.2022..

With reference to your letter cited, I am directed to convey the Government's in-principle approval (Stage-I) under section-2 of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.845 ha of forest land in Alangayam RF for widening and improvement of Polur- Jamunamarathur- Alangayam-Vaniyampadi Road from km 58/6 to 61/2 with paved shoulder (SH 215) in Tirupathur Forest Division area in Tirupathur District, in favour of the Divisional Engineer, Highways, Construction and Maintenance, Tirupathur, for a period of 30 years, under general approval category, as per the provisions made in the new hand book of guidelines under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, subject to the following conditions:-

- a) The legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
- b) 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.
- c) The User Agency has to pay the cost towards Compensatory Afforestation Scheme over an extent of 1.69 ha., of degraded forest area as per the Compensatory Afforestation Scheme, including maintenance for a period of 10 years.

d) 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.

e) 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. The User Agency has to furnish undertaking to this effect.

f) The 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/>).

g) 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 for the above project in future for the entire project period.

h) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.845 ha for a length of 2485 mts and width of 3.40 mts in Alangayam RF.

i) The forest land proposed to be diverted shall not under any circumstances be transferred to any other agencies/ department or person without prior approval.

j) Period of lease can be thirty (30) 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 RF land to User Agency shall not be effected prior to the issue of final approval. Further, this in-principle (Stage-I) 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. Magala
15/6/2022

for Additional Chief Secretary to Government.

Copy to:

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Chennai-600 006.

The District Collector,
Tirupattur District.

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA),
Chennai-15.

The District Forest Officer,
Tirupattur District .

The Conservator of Forests,
Vellore Circle, Vellore.
SC/SF.