



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

Letter No.6170/FR.10/2022-1, dated 12.05.2022

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

To
✓ The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force),
Chennai-15.

Sir,

Sub: Forests - Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Diversion of 0.389 ha of forest land in Gummanur Reserve forest area in Dharmapuri Forest Division for four laning of Thorapalli Agraharam-Jittandahalli section of new NH-844 from km 23+350 to km 60+100 (design chainage) under Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase I (National corridor) in Hybrid Annuity in favour of General Manager, Project Implementing Unit - Krishnagiri, National Highways Authority of India, Krishnagiri – State Government's in-principle (Stage-I) approval – Accorded.

Ref: Your letter No.TS3/6090/2021, dated 06.04.2022 .

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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 0.389 ha of forest land in Gummanur Reserve forest area in Dharmapuri Forest Division for four laning of Thorapalli Agraharam-Jittandahalli section of new NH-844 from km 23+350 to km 60+100 (design chainage) under Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase I (National corridor) in Hybrid Annuity in favour of General Manager, Project Implementing Unit - Krishnagiri, National Highways Authority of India, Krishnagiri for a period of 25 years under general approval category as per the provisions of guidelines under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for critical development initiatives for public utility, subject to the following conditions: -

- The legal status of the diverted forest land remain unchanged.
- 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.
- The User Agency has to pay the cost towards Compensatory afforestation scheme including protection and maintenance of plantation area as proposed by the District Forest Officer.
- The User Agency has to pay the amount of Net Present Value which will be fixed as per the guidelines of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
- 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.

- f) Amount towards Compensatory afforestation scheme including protection and maintenance of plantation, Protection measures of proposed forest diversion area, Net Present Value of 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 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.
- h) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.389 ha as reported in the project proposal in two segment area.
- i) The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under any circumstances be transferred to any other agencies/department or person without prior approval of State Government.
- j) The user agency has to obtain orders from the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India for felling of spontaneous tree growth as per Forest Conservation Act guidelines.
- k) The user agency has to deposit the amount required for felling and transport of trees to be felled in the project area with the District Forest Officer concerned.
- l) Any other conditions that the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forests and wildlife.
- m) Period of lease can be twenty five (25) 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 the above mentioned conditions, the proposal will be considered for final approval and this in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 5 years from the date of issue of this letter. Further, in the event of non-compliance of the above conditions, this in-principle approval shall automatically be revoked as per rules made under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Yours faithfully,

S. Mohamed Yusuf 12/5/2022
for Additional Chief Secretary to Government

Copy to:-

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The District Collector, Dharmapuri.
The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA),
O/o. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Chennai-15.
The District Forest Officer,
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The Conservator of Forests,
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