



ABSTRACT

Forests – Chennai Forest Circle / Kancheepuram Forest Division – Diversion of 0.28 ha of forest land in Kattur Reserve Forest for relaying and periodical maintenance of Sembakkam road @ km 0/0 to 0/400 in Chengalpattu District in favour of the Divisional Engineer, Highways, Construction and Maintenance, Chengalpattu District under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Orders – Issued.

Environment, Climate Change and Forest (FR.10) Department

G.O.(Ms) No.132

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Read :

1. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoD), Letter No.TS3/11166/2020, dated 01.09.2021.
2. Government letter No.14985/FR.10/2021-1,dated 21.10.2021.
3. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Letter No.TS3/11166/2020, dated 30.06.2022.

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ORDER:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoD) in his letter first read above, has furnished the proposal for diversion of 0.28 ha of forest land in Kattur Reserve Forest of Kancheepuram Forest Division for relaying and periodical maintenance of Sembakkam road @ km 0/0 to 0/400 in Chengalpattu District in favour of the Divisional Engineer, Highways Department, Construction and Maintenance, Chengalpattu District, for a period of 20 years, under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. In the Government letter second read above, the Government have conveyed the State Government's in-principle approval (Stage-I) under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.28 ha of forest land in Kattur Reserve Forest of Kancheepuram Forest Division for relaying and periodical maintenance of Sembakkam road @ km 0/0 to 0/400 in Chengalpattu District, in favour of the Divisional Engineer, Highways Department, Construction and Maintenance, Chengalpattu District, for a period of 20 years, under general approval category as per the provisions made in the revised hand book of guidelines under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for critical development initiatives for public utility, subject to certain conditions and requested to furnish the compliance report, after satisfying all the conditions stipulated therein within a period of 5 years.

3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HOFF) in his letter third read above, has furnished the compliance report in respect of the conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval accorded for the said proposal and also requested to issue final (Stage-II) approval under General approval category, for diversion of 0.28 ha of forest land in Kattur Reserve Forest of Kancheepuram Forest Division for relaying and periodical maintenance of Sembakkam road @ km 0/0 to 0/400 in Chengalpattu District in favour of the Divisional Engineer, Highways Department, Construction and Maintenance, Chengalpattu District, for a period of 20 years, under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

4. The Government after careful examination, accord the State Government's final (Stage-II) approval under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.28 ha of forest land in Kattur Reserve Forest of Kancheepuram Forest Division for relaying and periodical maintenance of Sembakkam road @ km 0/0 to 0/400 in Chengalpattu District, in favour of the Divisional Engineer, Highways Department, Construction and Maintenance, Chengalpattu District, for a period of 20 years, under general approval category as per the provisions made in the new hand book of guidelines under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for critical development initiatives for public, since the proposal comes under construction / widening of roads, subject to the following conditions:-

- i. The legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
- ii. 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.
- iii. 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.
- iv. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.28 ha comprising the forest area to a length of 400m and to a width of 7.00m (including shoulder width).
- v. Speed regulating signage shall be erected along the road at regular intervals in the forest area at the cost of User Agency.
- vi. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies / department or person without prior approval of State Government.
- vii. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violations of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per rules in force.
- viii. 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, shall be complied by the User Agency.

- ix. Period of lease can be twenty (20) years. The User Agency has to apply renewal proposal before one year of expiry of lease, with the State Forest Department.

5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests is requested to take action accordingly and send a report to Government in due course.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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To

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Chennai Circle, Chennai-06.
The District Forest Officer,
Chengalpattu Division,
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The Divisional Engineer,
Highways Department, Construction and Maintenance,
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The Private Secretary to Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Environment, Climate Change and Forests Department, Chennai-9.
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