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To

The Principal Secretary to the Government of Tamil Nadu,
Environment, Forests & Climate Change Department,
Secretariat, Fort St. George, Chennai - 600 009

Subject: Diversion of 0.95472 ha of forest land Vandalur Reserved Forest for construction of Road over Bridge in lieu of LC No. 32 in between Tambaram and Vandalur Railway Station near Perungalathur in Chengalpattu District in favour of the Divisional Engineer, Highways, Chennai Metropolitan Development Plan Division-II, Chennai - Reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter Nos. 5227778/FR.10/2023-3 dated 31.01.2024, 5227778/FR.10/2023-4 dated 11.06.2024, 5227778/FR.10/2023-6 dated 02.08.2024 and online proposal No.FP/TN/Road/151930/2022, seeking prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of forest land in accordance with Section '2(1)' of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for the above mentioned project.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am hereby directed to convey the Central Government's in-principle approval (Stage-I) under Section '2(1)' of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 0.95472 ha of forest land in Vandalur Reserved Forest for construction of Road over Bridge in lieu of LC

No. 32 in between Tambaram and Vandalur Railway Station near Perungalathur in Chengalpattu District in favour of the Divisional Engineer, Highways, Chennai Metropolitan Development Plan Division-II, Chennai, subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- (ii) Demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at the appropriate distance as decided by the DFO concerned, at the cost of User Agency;
- (iii) The State Forest Department shall carry out compensatory afforestation over an extent of 1.909 ha of DFL area in Vandalur Reserve Forests as per Compensatory Afforestation Scheme including maintenance for a period of 10 years, at the cost of the User Agency;
- (iv) Identified CA area and CA scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government;
- (v) The User Agency shall transfer online, the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted under this proposal, as per the guideline issued by Ministry vide letter No.5-3/2011-FC (Vol-I) dated 06/01/2022. The requisite funds shall be transferred through online portal into CAMPA account of the State Concerned;
- (vi) Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;
- (vii) All the funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>) ;
- (viii) The KML file of the forest area to be diverted and CA area shall be uploaded on the e-green watch portal with all requisite details and same shall be submitted along with GPS ids;
- (ix) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- (x) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;

- (xi) Disturbance shall be kept minimal by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it will be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the machinery, labourers & staff engaged in execution of work shall not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna;
- (xii) Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel;
- (xiii) Concurrence of the Regional Office, Chennai in compliance with the judgment pronounced by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in its order dated 16.01.2023 in IA No. 168320/2022 and 168313/2022 in Writ Petition(s) (Civil) Nos202/1995 between T.N.Godavarman Thirumulpad & Union of India, is hereby conveyed for felling of 204 numbers of trees of spontaneous.
- (xiv) Even though 204 trees of spontaneous origin is marked for felling, the User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department;
- (xv) The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;
- (xvi) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **0.95472 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
- (xvii) The conditions required to be adhered under the Forests Right Act, 2006 as per the rules/guidelines issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 shall be strictly complied with;
- (xviii) User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to the provisions of all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;
- (xix) Any other conditions that the Central Government or Deputy Director General of Forests (Central) of the Regional Office, Chennai may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation,

conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the User Agency;

- (xx) Non compliance / violation of any of these conditions will amounts to violation Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed under the Act, Rules and Guidelines relevant;

After receipt of compliance report on fulfillment of the conditions mentioned above, the proposal shall be considered for final approval under Section-2 (1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam 1980. Transfer of forest land shall not be affected till final approval is granted by the Government in this regard.

Further, it may also be noted that this in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 2 years from the date of issue of this letter. In the event of non-compliance of the above conditions within 2 years, the in-principle approval shall be deemed to be null and void.

Yours faithfully,

Signed by Karthikeyan

Karupiah

Date: 26-08-2024 19:03:45

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Sd/-

(K.Karthikeyan)

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