



ABSTRACT

Forests – Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve, Madurai Circle / Sivagangai Forest Division – Diversion of 0.015 ha of forest land in Sengai East Reserved Forests for development of Karaikudi - Ramnathapuram NH-210 project road, traversing through the Devakottai, Chinnakeera mangalam, Rajasinga mangalam, Devipattinam and Ramanathapuram in favour of Project Director, National Highways Authority of India, Project Implementation Unit, Karaikudi under Section-2 of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 – Orders – Issued.

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

G.O.(MS) No:64

Dated : 06.04.2022

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Read :

1. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Letter No.TS4/59408/2019, dated. 04.05.2021.
2. Government letter No.7740/FR.10/2021-1, Environment, Climate Change and Forests Department dated 16.08.2021.
3. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Letter No. TS4/59408/2019, dated. 09.03.2022.

ORDER:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests in his letter first read above has furnished the proposal for diversion of 0.015 ha of forest land in Sengai East Reserved Forest for development of Karaikudi-Ramnathapuram NH-210 project road, traversing through the Devakottai, Chinnakeera mangalam, Rajasinga mangalam, Devipattinam and Ramanathapuram in favour of Project Director, National Highways Authority of India, Project Implementation Unit, Karaikudi 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 0.015 ha of forest land in Sengai East Reserved Forest for development of Karaikudi-Ramnathapuram NH-210 project road, traversing through the Devakottai, Chinnakeera mangalam, Rajasinga mangalam, Devipattinam and Ramanathapuram in favour of Project Director, National Highways Authority of India, Project Implementation Unit, Karaikudi for a period of 20 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 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 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 project proposal and also stated that User Agency has completed the demarcation of the proposed forest area by erecting 4-feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters and has remitted an amount of Rs.6,570/- towards Net Present Value in State Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) Fund. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has

requested to issue final (Stage-II) approval under General approval category, for diversion of 0.015 ha of forest land in Sengai East Reserved Forest for development of Karaikudi-Ramnathapuram NH-210 project road, traversing through the Devakottai, Chinnakeera mangalam, Rajasinga mangalam, Devipattinam and Ramanathapuram in favour of Project Director, National Highways Authority of India, Project Implementation Unit, Karaikudi 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 0.015 ha of forest land in Sengai East Reserved Forest for development of Karaikudi-Ramnathapuram NH-210 project road, traversing through the Devakottai, Chinnakeera mangalam, Rajasinga mangalam, Devipattinam and Ramanathapuram in favour of Project Director, National Highways Authority of India, Project Implementation Unit, Karaikudi for a period of 20 years, under general approval category for critical development initiatives for public utility, subject to the following conditions:-

- I. The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged and shall remain as Reserved Forest.
- II. The 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 the effect.
- III. The User Agency shall be responsible for any loss to Flora and Fauna in the surroundings and shall take all possible measures to conserve the same.
- IV. The forest land shall not be used for any other purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
- V. The lease rent should be realized from the User Agency as per G.O.Ms.No.272, Environment & Forests (FR.XIII) Dept. dated 15.04.1991.
- VI. The Conservator of Forests and District Forest Officer may impose any other condition in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests.

7. 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)

SUPRIYA SAHU

ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

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The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation Act), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai-15.
The Conservator of Forests and Field Director, Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve, Madurai.
The District Forest Officer, Sivagangai District.
The Project Director, National Highways Authority of India, Project Implementation Unit, Karaikudi District-630002.
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SECTION OFFICER 06/4/2022