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

Letter No.12536/FR.10/2022-1, Dated 26.08.2022

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: Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Proposal No.FP/TN/Road/44426/2020 – Diversion of 0.858 ha of forest land in Manali Reserved Forest for formation of road between Kavarapettai-Satyavedu Road (K.S. Road) to Manali through Manali Reserved Forest to a length of 1430m and width of 6.00m in Tiruvallur Forest Division in Tiruvallur District in favour of the Block Development Officer, Gummidipoondi, Tiruvallur District - State Government's in-principle approval (Stage-I) – Accorded.

Ref: Your letter No.TS3/20007/2021, dated 09.07.2022.

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With reference to your letter cited, I am directed to accord the State Government's in-principle approval (Stage-I) under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.858 ha of forest land in Manali Reserved Forest for formation of road between Kavarapettai-Satyavedu Road (K.S. Road) to Manali through Manali Reserved Forest to a length of 1430m and width of 6.00m in Tiruvallur Forest Division in Tiruvallur District in favour of the Block Development Officer, Gummidipoondi, Tiruvallur District 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, since the proposal comes under construction / widening of roads category, 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 height cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at their cost.
- c) 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.
- d) 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.
- e) Amount towards 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/>)

- f) The User Agency has to raise linear avenue plantation on either side of the road to prevent further biotic interference at the cost of user agency in consultation with the District Forest Officer concerned.
- 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 of the above project in future for the entire project period.
- h) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.858 ha for a length of 1430 m and to a width of 6.00m (3.75m carriage way and 2.25m shoulder-brim) in Manali Reserved Forest.
- 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) Period of lease is twenty (20) years. The User Agency has to apply renewal proposal before one year of expiry of lease with the State Forest Department.
- k) The User Agency shall upload the compliance report in the web portal.

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 Reserved Forest land to User Agency shall not be effected prior to the issue of final approval. Further, this in-principle 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. Megala
27/8/2022

for Additional Chief Secretary to Government.

Copy to:-

The Block Development Officer,
Kottakarai, Gummidipoondi,
Tiruvallur District-601201.

The Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central),
Government of India,
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change,
Integrated Regional Office,
1st Floor, Additional Office Block for GPOA,
Shastri Bhawan, Haddows Road,
Nungambakkam, Chennai-600 006.

The District Collector,
Tiruvallur-602 001.

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest (Conservation) Act),
O/o. the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Chennai-15.

The Conservator of Forests,
Chennai Circle, Chennai-6.

The District Forest Officer,
Tiruvallur Division, Tiruvallur-602 001.
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