

Letter No.7205743/FR.10/2023-1, dated:19.08.2024

From
Dr. P. Senthilkumar, I.A.S.,
Principal Secretary to Government.

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

Sir,

Sub: Forests – Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan)
Adhinyam, 1980 - Propossal No.FP/TN/Road/150630/
2021 - Proposal for diversion of 0.90 ha of forest land in
Seemakottai Extension Reserved Forest of Cuddalore
division for widening of road from Single lane to Double
lane and improvement of Vridhachalam to Kattukudalore
road from km 10/6 to 11/6 in Cuddalore district in favour of
Assistant Divisional Engineer, Highways, Construction and
Maintenance Sub Division, Vridhachalam, Cuddalore
District – In-principle approval – Requested - Regarding.

Ref: From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Head of
Forest Force), Letter No.TS3/231/2022, dated: 05.04.2024.

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I am directed to enclose a copy of the reference cited and to state that, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) in his letter cited has stated that, the User Agency, (i.e.) the Assistant Divisional Engineer, Highways, Construction and Maintenance Sub Division, Vridhachalam, Cuddalore District has uploaded online forest clearance proposal under Section 2 (1) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan Adhinyam), 1980 for diversion of 0.90 ha of forest land in Seemakottai Extension Reserved Forest of Cuddalore division for widening of road from Single lane to Double lane and improvement of Vridhachalam to Kattukudalore road from km 10/6 to 11/6 in Cuddalore district under the Proposal No.FP/TN/Road/150630/2021.

2. In the Part-II of Form-A, the District Forest Officer, Cuddalore Division has furnished the following particulars:-

- i) Forest area diversion of 0.90 ha of forest land in Seemakottai Extension Reserved Forest of Cuddalore Division has been proposed by the user agency. Eco-class of forest area reported as Eco-Class 3 with density of forest area reported as 0.6.
- ii) On Brief vulnerability of forest area to erosion reported as Not vulnerable for erosion.
- iii) No work in violation of the Act or Guidelines under the Act has been carried out.
- iv) Significance of the forest land proposed for diversion reported from Wildlife point of view reported by the District Forest Officer is as follows:
 - a. Details of wildlife present in and around the forest land proposed for diversion reported as, the spotted deer, Peacock, Boar, Wild hare, Monkey are present in and around the forest land proposed for diversion.
 - b. The forest area proposed for diversion is not part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant corridor, Wildlife migration corridor etc., and not located within the eco-sensitive zone of the protected area notified under Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and not located within 1 km boundary of National Parks/Wildlife Sanctuaries etc., for the forest land proposed for diversion.
 - c. There is no rare/ endangered / unique species of flora and fauna found in the area.
- v) There is no protected archaeological/ heritage site/ defense establishment or any other important monument is located in the area.
- vi) Requirement of forest land as proposed by the User Agency is unavoidable and bare minimum for the project.
- vii) For the proposed diversion of 0.90 ha of forest land for the project, the District Forest Officer has proposed compensatory afforestation scheme for planting of 100 number of seedlings in 0.90 ha of degraded forest area in Kattumayillur in Vridhachalam Range of Cuddalore division including ten years maintenance at project cost of Rs.1,73,231/-. Kml file of the proposed Compensatory Afforestation plantation area, geo-referenced map, Survey of India topo sheet indicating the location marked in the map, site suitability certificate have been uploaded in the portal.
- viii) The District Forest Officer has uploaded the site inspection report of the proposed forest diversion area.
 - a. The proposal is for diversion of 0.90 ha of forest land in Seemakottai Extension Reserved Forest of Cuddalore division for widening of road from Single lane to Double lane and improvement of Vridhachalam to Kattukudalore road from km 10/6 to 11/6 in Cuddalore district and the proposed site has been inspected by the District Forest Officer on 16.05.2022.
 - b. The District Forest Officer inspected the site along with Vridhachalam Range field staff and Conservator of Forests, Villupuram Circle, Villupuram. The proposed Seemakottai Extension Reserved Forest area is having degraded forest and it is proposed for diversion for widening of Road. Highways Department officials explained that the activities proposed is necessary for people. Right of way is also admitted as per the Seemakottai Extension Reserved Forest notification. No tree felling is required for the project. Transport road is a basic requirement and Right of Way is also

there. The Conservator of Forests, Villupuram Circle inspected the area on 22.06.2022 and remarked that the proposal is genuine one.

- c. Taking into consideration of the facts stated above the Conservator of Forests, Villupuram Circle and the District Forest Officer, Cuddalore Forest Division in the Part –II of Form –A has recommended the proposal for diversion of 0.90 ha of forest land in Seemakottai Extension Reserved Forest of Cuddalore division for widening of road from Single lane to Double lane and improvement of Vridhachalam to Kattukudalore road from km 10/6 to 11/6 in Cuddalore district in favour of Assistant Divisional Engineer, Highways, Construction and Maintenance Sub Division, Vridhachalam, Cuddalore District.

3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) has also stated that, the proposal is sent through Parivesh portal duly recommended by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation Act) / Nodal Officer of Forest (Conservation) Act, of the State of Tamil Nadu in Part-III of Form-A.

4. Based on the recommendations made by the District Forest Officer, Cuddalore Division, the Conservator of Forests, Villupuram circle and the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest (Conservation) Act) of Tamil Nadu, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) has forwarded the proposal for diversion of 0.90 ha of forest land in Seemakottai Extension Reserved Forest of Cuddalore division for widening of road from Single lane to Double lane and improvement of Vridhachalam to Kattukudalore road from km 10/6 to 11/6 in Cuddalore district in favour of Assistant Divisional Engineer, Highways, Construction and Maintenance Sub Division, Vridhachalam, Cuddalore District for a period of 25 years, and requested the Government to consider the same and to obtain approval for the same from the Government of India, subject to the following conditions:-

- i. The legal status of the diverted forest land shall remains unchanged.
- ii. 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 20m at the cost of user agency.
- iii. The user agency has to pay the cost towards compensatory afforestation scheme including protection and maintenance of plantation in Kattumayilur Reserved Forest as proposed by the District Forest Officer.
- iv. 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.
- v. 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.
- vi. Amount of Compensatory afforestation scheme, 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/>)
- vii. 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.
- viii. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.90 ha in Seemakottai Extension Reserved Forest (1000m length and width of 9.00m).

- ix. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under any circumstances be transferred to any other agencies / Department or person without prior approval.
- x. 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.

5. The Government have examined and accept the proposal (FP/TN/Road/150630/2021) of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) for diversion of 0.90 ha of forest land in Seemakottai Extension Reserved Forest of Cuddalore division for widening of road from Single lane to Double lane and improvement of Vridhachalam to Kattukudalore road from km 10/6 to 11/6 in Cuddalore district in favour of Assistant Divisional Engineer, Highways, Construction and Maintenance Sub Division, Vridhachalam, Cuddalore District for a period of 30 years, under section 2(1) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980, subject to the following conditions and decided to forward the same to the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Chennai for obtaining their concurrence:-

- i. The legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
- ii. 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 20m at the cost of user agency.
- iii. The user agency has to pay the cost towards compensatory afforestation scheme including protection and maintenance of plantation in Kattumayilur Reserved Forest as proposed by the District Forest Officer.
- iv. 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.
- v. 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.
- vi. Amount of Compensatory afforestation scheme, 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/>)
- vii. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
- viii. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- ix. 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 and staff engaged in execution of work shall not destruct nearby forest flora and fauna.
- x. 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.
- xi. Overburden shall not be dumped outside the width of the road. The muck generated in the earth cuttings will be disposed of at the designated dumping sites and in no case the muck/debris will be allowed to roll down the hill slopes.
- xii. The user agency will provide retaining walls, breast walls and drainage as per requirement to make the slope stable.
- xiii. Wherever possible and technically feasible, the User Agency shall undertake afforestation measures along the roads within the area

- diverted under this approval, in consultation with the State Forest Department at the project cost.
- xiv. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.90 ha in Seemakottai Extension Reserved Forest (1000m length and width of 9.00m).
 - xv. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under any circumstances be transferred to any other agencies / Department or person without prior approval of Central Government.
 - xvi. The User Agency shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines for the time being in force as applicable to the project.
 - xvii. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as per the provisions of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change guidelines.
 - xviii. Period of lease is thirty (30) years. The User Agency has to apply renewal proposal before one year of expiry of lease with the State Forest Department.

6. I am, therefore, directed to request you to kindly obtain the concurrence of the Competent Authority and communicate the same to this Government, early.

Yours faithfully,

A. Malathy
01/18/24

for Principal Secretary to Government

Copy to:-

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),
Chennai-32.

Assistant Divisional Engineer,

Highways, Construction and Maintenance Sub Division, Vridhachalam,
Cuddalore District.

PART – V

(To be filled in by the Secretary in charge of Forest Department or by any other authorized officer of the State Government not below the rank of an Under Secretary)

Proposal (FP/TN/Road/150630/2021) of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) for diversion of 0.90 ha of forest land in Seemakottai Extension Reserved Forest of Cuddalore division for widening of road from Single lane to Double lane and improvement of Vridhachalam to Kattukudalore road from km 10/6 to 11/6 in Cuddalore district in favour of Assistant Divisional Engineer, Highways, Construction and Maintenance Sub Division, Vridhachalam, Cuddalore District for a period of 30 years under section 2 (1) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

18. Recommendation of the State Government

Recommended

(Adverse comments made by any officer or authority in Part-B or Part – C or Part – D above should be specifically commented upon)

*Prasanna Kumar
19/08/2024*

Signature
Name & Designation
(Official Seal)

Date : 19.08.2024

Place : Chennai-9.

**Deputy Secretary to Government
Environment, Climate Change
and Forest Department
Secretariat, Chennai - 9.**

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From

To

Dr. Sudhanshu Gupta, I.F.S.,
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
(Head of Department)
Forest Head Quarters Building,
Guindy-Velachery Main Road, Guindy,
Chennai-15.

The Additional Chief Secretary to
Government,
Environment, Climate Change and
Forests Department,
Secretariat, Chennai 9.

C. No. TS3/231/2022 Dated: 05.04.2024.

Madam,

Sub: Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Proposal for diversion of 0.90 ha of forest land in Seemakottai Extension RF of Cuddalore Division for widening of road from Single lane to Double lane and improvement of Vridhachalam to Kattukudalore road from km 10/6 to 11/6 in Cuddalore District in favour of Assistant Divisional Engineer, Highways, Construction and Maintenance Sub Division, Vridhachalam, Cuddalore District - Proposal forwarding - Regarding.

- Ref: 1 Online application uploaded by the Assistant Divisional Engineer, Highways, Construction and Maintenance Sub Division, Vridhachalam, Cuddalore District - Proposal No. FP/TN/Road/150630/2021, dated 29.12.2021.
- 2 Part-II of Form-A uploaded by the District Forest Officer, Cuddalore Division on 19.05.2022 and resubmission of proposal to the Circle on 21.06.2022, 21.10.2022, 16.08.2023, 17.10.2023 and 16.02.2024
- 3 Part-III of Form-A uploaded by the Conservator of Forests, Villupuram Circle on 28.06.2022 and resubmission of proposal in parivesh portal on 29.08.2023, 20.10.2023 and 16.02.2024.

I wish to state that, the Assistant Divisional Engineer, Highways, Construction and Maintenance Sub Division, Vridhachalam, Cuddalore District has uploaded online forest clearance proposal under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.90 ha of forest land in Seemakottai Extension RF of Cuddalore Division for widening of road from Single lane to Double lane and improvement of Vridhachalam to Kattukudalore road from km 10/6 to 11/6 in Cuddalore District under proposal No. FP/TN/Road/150630/2021.

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1) Brief details of the project are given below.

i) The User Agency has uploaded the proposal in the prescribed format of Form A - Part I - under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of fresh forest area.

ii) Name of the project and short narrative of the project in which forest land required reported as widening of road from Single lane to Double lane and improvement of Vridhachalam to Kattukudalore road from km 10/6 to 11/6

iii) The User Agency has reported that area required in forest area is for 0.90 ha., and non forest land required for the project is Zero ha.,

iv) The User Agency has proposed the forest area diversion for the project for a period of 99 years.

v) Legal status of the User Agency reported as is State Government and Name of the user agency reported as Assistant Divisional Engineer, Highways, Construction and Maintenance Sub Division, Vridhachalam, Cuddalore District and the incumbent officer has submitted forest clearance proposal as person making application.

The User Agency has uploaded a copy of authentication issued by the Divisional Engineer, Highways Construction and Maintenance Cuddalore Division to the project proponent to furnish online application for getting forest clearance.

vi) In the section of uploading details of proposal seeking prior approval of Central Government under the Act for diversion of forest land for the project already submitted in the past reported as NIL

vii) Diversion of 0.90 ha of forest has been requested in Cuddalore Forest Division in Cuddalore District.

viii) Name of the village in which forest land requested has been reported as Semakkottai RF.

ix) The User Agency has furnished the component wise breakup details of land required for the project as follows.

a) Road – 0.70 ha

b) berms – 0.20 ha for berms on both sides

x) Location map of the forest land proposed to be diverted in kml file of google earth up-loaded for the work.

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xi) kml file of the proposed diversion area, Scanned copy of Survey of India topo sheet indicating the proposed road alignment area marked in the map, google earth map with marking the area proposed for diversion have been uploaded.

xii) Note containing justification for locating the project in forest area has been furnished.

a) The User Agency has stated that, there is no alternative examined, hence copy of map indicating location of alternative examined for the project is not provided.

xiii) The User Agency has furnished the employment likely to be generated in the project.

xiv) The User Agency has stated that this project does not involve displacement of people due to the project, cost-benefit analysis for the project is not required, this project not requires clearance under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, the project or part thereof is not located in any protected area or their Eco sensitive zone and not located in a Scheduled area.

xv) The User Agency has stated that, the process for settlement of Rights under the Forest Rights Act 2006 on the forest land proposed to be diverted has been completed and uploaded a copy of certificate issued by the District Collector, Cuddalore in ROC No. D/2345/2021, dated 21.12.2021.

xvi) Under the section of details of land identified for compensatory afforestation, the User Agency has not furnished the details of compensatory Afforestation land to be provided to the Forest Department in lieu of diversion of forest land required for the work.

The user agency has stated that non-forest or revenue forest land is not required to be provided by the user agency and reason for this stated that not applicable.

xvii) In the additional information details section, following documents have been uploaded.

a) Certified that the request of diversion of forest land for widening of road from single lane to double lane ^{er} improvement of Vridhachalam to Kattukudalore road in km 10/6 to 11/6 in Semakkottai Reserved Forest is 0.90 ha area and is designed for minimum forest involvement as detailed below.

Area requirement details for the project

i) Road from km 10/6-11/6 – 1000m (l) and 7.00m (w) - Area of 7000 sq.m or 0.70 ha

ii) Berms from km 10/6-11/6 – 1000m (l) and 1.00m (w) on both sides – Area of 2000 sq.m or 0.20 ha

b) Certified that the proposed road land is lying in Veerattikuppam Revenue village, Virudhachalam Firka.

c) Certified that the user agency has not violated any provisions of the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 in seeking the minimum forest land required for the project.

d) Certified that ten times of saplings cost would be paid towards the number of trees proposed to be cut in the project.

e) DGPS reading of the road project work.

f) Undertaking to deposit the cost of compensatory afforestation scheme

g) Undertaking to pay the Net Present Value of diverted forest land.

h) Undertaking to pay the additional amount of Net Present Value of diverted forest area.

i) Undertaking to bear the cost of felling of trees and transportation cost of trees to be removed during the road formation work.

j) Undertaking to pay the cost towards lease rent.

k) Certified that no work in violation of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 will be carried out.

l) Certified that no suitable alternate Non-Forest land is available for the project.

m) Certificate issued by the District Collector, Cuddalore District in RC No. D/2345/2021, dated 21.12.2021, that no alternate non forest land is available for taking up the work of widening of road from single lane to double land improvement of Virudhachalam to Kattukudalore road in km 10/6 to 11/6 in Semakkottai Reserved Forest pertaining to Virudhachalam taluk of Cuddalore District and the best possible alignment requires the utilization of the Reserve Forest land.

n) Road alignment lay out plan drawing.

o) The user agency has proposed forest area diversion proposal for widening of road from Single lane to double lane and improvement of Virudhachalam-Kattukudalore road from km 10/6 to 11/6.

The user agency has stated that this road was formed before 1980 and it is in use for public. Now from km 10/6 to 11/6 for a length of 1000 meters is proposed for widening and improvements. The total width of proposed road is 9 meters including

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the existing carriage way 3.75 m bituminous road and 1.50m hard shoulder on both sides.

2) The District Forest Officer, Cuddalore Division has forwarded the proposal along with Site Inspection report and recommendation of the proposal to the Conservator of Forests on 19.05.2022 and resubmitted the proposal on 21.06.2022, 21.10.2022, 16.08.2023, 17.10.2023 and 16.02.2024.

Details furnished in the Part-II of Form A by the District Forest Officer, Cuddalore Division is furnished below.

i) The legal status of the proposed site of diversion of 0.9 ha of forest land requested for the project is Reserved Forests.

As per the site inspection report and recommendation of the project uploaded by the District Forest Officer, Villupuram Division, name of the forest land reported as Semakottai Extension RF.

ii) The District Forest Officer has reported that, density of the forest area is 0.6 and Eco class of forest area is three.

iii) As per the details uploaded in Part-II of Form-A, felling of trees not involved in the project.

iv) Vulnerability of the forest area to erosion reported as not vulnerable for erosion.

v) The District Forest Officer has reported that, spotted deer, Peacock, Boar, Wild hare, Monkey are present in and around the forest land proposed for diversion.

b. The forest area proposed for diversion is not part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant corridor, Wildlife migration corridor etc., and not located within the eco-sensitive zone of the protected area notified under Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and not located within 1 km boundary of NP/WLs etc., for the forest land proposed for diversion. There is no rare/ endangered / unique species of flora and fauna found in the area.

vi) There is no protected archaeological/ heritage site/ defense establishment or any other important monument is located in the area.

vii) Requirement of forest land as proposed by the User Agency is unavoidable and bare minimum for the project.

viii) The District Forest Officer has reported that no work in violation of the Act or guidelines issued under the Act has been carried out by the user agency.

ix) For the proposed diversion of 0.90 ha of forest land for the project, the District Forest Officer has proposed compensatory afforestation scheme for planting of 100 seedlings in the 0.90 ha of forest area in Kattumayilur RF at a project cost of Rs. 173231/-

Kml file of the proposed CA plantation area, geo-reference map, Survey of India topo sheet indicating the location marked in the map, site suitability certificate have been uploaded in the portal.

x) In the site inspection report and recommendation of the proposal, the District Forest Officer has reported the following.

District Forest Officer, Cuddalore, inspected the proposed area in Semakottai Extension Reserve Forest of Cuddalore Forest Division on 16th May 2022 along with Vridhachalam Range field staff and Conservator of Forests, Villupuram Circle, Villupuram. The proposed Semakottai Extension RF area is having degraded forest. The proposed for widening of Road. Highways Department officials explained that the activities proposed for necessary for people. Right of Way is also admitted as per the Semakottai Extension RF notification. No tree felling is required for the project. Since transport road is a basic requirement and Right of Way is also there the project is recommended.

3) The Conservator of Forests, Villupuram Circle inspected the area on 22.06.2022 and remarked that the proposal is genuine one and hence it is recommended.

4) The User Agency has requested forest area diversion for a period of 50 years. The District Forest Officer, Villupuram Division has recommended the project for the year 2022 and Conservator of Forest, Villupuram Circle has recommended the project for 25 years period.

As recommended by the Conservator of Forests, Forest area diversion proposals of road work is recommended for a period of 25 years.

5) Based on the recommendation made by the District Forest Officer, Cuddalore Division and Conservator of Forests, Villupuram Circle, proposal for diversion of 0.90 ha of forest land in Seemakottai Extension RF of Cuddalore Division for widening of road from Single lane to Double lane and improvement of Vridhachalam to Kattukudalore road from km 10/6 to 11/6 in Cuddalore District in favour of Assistant Divisional Engineer, Highways, Construction and Maintenance

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Sub Division, Vridhachalam, Cuddalore District is furnished to the Government for consideration and to obtain approval from the Government of India and the following conditions may be recommended for imposition of the project.

- i) The legal status of the diverted forest land remains unchanged.
 - ii) 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.
 - iii) 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.
 - iv) The User Agency has to pay the Net Present Value of proposed forests diversion area which will be fixed as per the guidelines of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India /Government of India.
 - v) 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.
 - vi) Amount of Compensatory Afforestation Scheme, Net Present Value of diverted forest area etc., under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>)
 - vii) 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.
 - viii) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceeds 0.90 ha in Seemakottai Extension RF (1000m length and width of 9.00m).
 - ix) The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under any circumstances be transferred to any other agencies/ department or person without prior approval.
 - x) 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.
- 6) The proposal is sent through parivesh portal duly recommended by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation Act) / Nodal Officer of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 of the State of Tamil Nadu.

7) I request that the proposal may be considered and approval may be obtained from the Government of India for diversion of 0.90 ha of forest land in Seemakottai Extension RF of Cuddalore Division for widening of road from Single lane to Double lane and improvement of Vridhachalam to Kattukudalore road from km 10/6 to 11/6 in Cuddalore District in favour of Assistant Divisional Engineer, Highways, Construction and Maintenance Sub Division, Vridhachalam, Cuddalore District for a period of 25 years.

Yours faithfully

For Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Department)

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PART - IV

(To be filled in by the Nodal Officer or Principal Chief Conservator of Forests or Head of Forest Department)

Name of the work : Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Proposal for diversion of 0.90 ha of forest land in Seemakottai Extension RF of Cuddalore Division for widening of road from Single lane to Double lane and improvement of Vridhachalam to Kattukudalore road from km 10/6 to 11/6 in Cuddalore District in favour of Assistant Divisional Engineer, Highways, Construction and Maintenance Sub Division, Vridhachalam, Cuddalore District - Proposal No. FP/TN/Road/150630/2021

17	Detailed opinion and specific recommendation of the State Forest Department for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with remarks
	(While giving opinion, the adverse comments made by concerned Conservator of Forests or Deputy Conservator of Forests should be categorically reviewed and critically commented upon)

Project is in public interest and it will smoothen the flow of traffic, hence recommended.

Signature :

[Handwritten Signature]
05.4.24

Name Designation : Thiru Yogesh Singh, I.F.S.,
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Conservation Act), O/o the Principal Chief
Conservator of Forests (Head of Department), Chennai.

Date : 05 -04-2024

Place: Chennai-32.

