

**Letter No.8638/FR.10/2020-7, dated:24.09.2024**

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, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor,  
Shastri Bhawan, Haddows Road,  
Nungambakkam, Chennai-6.(w.e).

Sir,

Sub: Forests – Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam,  
1980 – Trichy Circle / Nagapattinam Wildlife Division –  
Proposal (FP/TN/Road/29107/2018) for diversion of 0.48 ha  
(800mx6m) of forest land in Alakudi Reserved Forest for  
formation of road at 0/0 to 2/0 of Alakudi to Vellaimanal road  
of Nagapattinam District in favour of Assistant Engineer,  
Rural Development, Panchayat Union, Kollidam -  
Compliance report – Forwarding of – Regarding.

- Ref: 1. From the Principal Chief Conservator of  
Forests (HoFF) letter No.TS4/21054/2018, dated  
14.07.2020.
2. Government Letter No.8638/FR.10/2020-1, dated  
10.08.2020.
3. From the Principal Chief Conservator of  
Forests (HoD) letter No.TS4/21054/2018, dated.  
23.09.2020
4. Government letter No.8638/FR.10/2020-2, dated  
24.10.2020.
5. From the Principal Chief Conservator of  
Forests (HoD) letter No.TS4/21054/2018, dated  
13.11.2020.
6. Government Letter No.8638/FR.10/2020-3, dated  
29.01.2021.
7. From the Principal Chief Conservator of  
Forests (HoFF) letter No.TS4/21054/2018, dated  
18.07.2024.

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I am directed to invite your attention to the Government letter 6<sup>th</sup> cited,  
wherein the State Government have accorded In-principle approval (Stage-I) under

section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.48 ha (800mx6m) of forest land in Alakudi Reserved Forest for formation of road at 0/0 to 2/0 of Alakudi to Vellaimanal road in favour of Assistant Engineer, Rural Development, Panchayat Union, Kollidam for a period of 5 years, under General Approval category, as per the provisions of guidelines under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, subject to the following conditions:-

- i) The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged and shall remain as Reserved Forest.
- ii) Felling of trees of spontaneous origin shall not be carried out. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
- iii) The demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet height cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 mts. at the cost of User Agency.
- iv) The User Agency shall pay the Net present value of the diverted forest area at the rates stipulated by the Ministry of Environment and Forests from time to time, as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court Order dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos. 826 in 566 with related IAs in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995.
- v) 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.
- vi) The fund from the User Agency towards cost of Compensatory Afforestation and Net Present Value under this project shall be deposited in SB A/C No.1025227-CAF, Tamil Nadu, Corporation Bank, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi 110 003 (RTGS/IFSC No. CORP 0000371). The details of deposition of funds including inter-alia the DD Nos. and date, amount, the Bank on which drawn and the date of deposition in the designated Bank shall also be furnished. The User Agency shall generate chalan from the Ministry's online web portal to deposit the amount towards Compensatory levies.
- vii) 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.
- viii) The forest land shall not be used for any other purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
- ix) The lease rent should be realized from the User Agency as per G.O.Ms.No.272, Environment and Forests (FR.XIII) Department dated 15.04.1991.
- x) The District Forest Officer & Wildlife Warden may impose any other condition in the interest of conservation / protection and development of forests.

2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) in his letter 7<sup>th</sup> cited has furnished the compliance report on all the conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval accorded in the Government letter 6<sup>th</sup> cited. Since the authority to process the above said proposal as per the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 is the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Regional Office, Chennai, the Government have decided to forward the compliance report to Government of India, Ministry of Environment Forests and Climate Change, Regional Office, Chennai for obtaining final approval.

3. I am, therefore to request you to obtain final approval on the subject proposal from the Competent Authority and communicate the same to this Government, early.

Yours faithfully,

*A. Malathy* 24/9/24

for Principal Secretary to Government

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Copy to

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



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**TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From  
Dr. Sudhanshu Gupta, IFS.,  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Forest Force),  
Forest Headquarters Building,  
Guindy – Velachery Main Road,  
Near Kannikapuram Checkpost,  
Guindy, Chennai – 600 032.

To  
The Principal Secretary to Government,  
Environment, Climate Change and  
Forests Department, Secretariat,  
Chennai – 600 009.

**Ref. No. TS4/21054/2018 dated. 18.07.2024**

Sir,

Sub: Forests – Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 [previously called Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980] – Trichy Circle – Nagapattinam Wildlife Division – for diversion of 0.48 ha (800 m x 6 m) of forest land in Alakudi RF for formation of road at 0/0 to 2/0 of Alakudi to Vellaimanal road in favour of Assistant Engineer, Rural Development, Panchayat Union, Kollidam – Stage-I approval accorded by State Government under General Approval category – Compliance report received from the User Agency – forwarded – reg.

- Ref:
1. Online application uploaded by the Assistant Engineer, Rural Development, Panchayat Union, Kollidam – Proposal No. FP/TN/Road/29107/2018 on 23.04.2018.
  2. Government of Tamil Nadu, In-Principle (Stage-I) approval letter No. 8638/FR.10/2020-3, dt: 29.01.2021.
  3. Compliance report uploaded by User Agency on 21.06.2024.
  4. Compliance report reviewed by the Wildlife Warden, Nagapattinam vide C. No. 3379/2015/D, dt: 22.06.2024.
  5. Compliance report verified and forwarded by the Chief Conservator of Forests, Trichy, vide C. No. 9492/2023/D, dt: 05.07.2024

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I wish to state that, the User Agency i.e. The Assistant Engineer, Rural Development, Panchayat Union, Kollidam has uploaded the Compliance report on 21.06.2024 for the conditions stipulated by the State Government in Stage-I approval (General Approval category) under Section 2 of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 [previously called Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980] for diversion of 0.48 ha of forest land in Alakudi RF for formation of road from Alakudi to Vellaimanal road. The Wildlife Warden, Nagapattinam has reviewed the Compliance report vide reference 4<sup>th</sup> cited. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Trichy has verified and forwarded the Compliance report vide reference 5<sup>th</sup> cited. The contents of the Compliance report are as follows:

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| Sl. No. | Compliance stipulated by State Government  | Compliance of conditions / reply  |
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| 1.      | The legal status of the land shall remain as unchanged and shall remain as Reserved Forests.   | The User Agency has given an undertaking that the legal status of the land shall remain as unchanged and shall remain as Reserved Forests.<br>- 86 ✓  |
| 2.      | Felling of trees of spontaneous origin shall not be carried out. User Agency shall furnish and undertaking to this effect.   | The User Agency has given an undertaking that the felling of trees of spontaneous origin shall not be carried out.<br>- 87 ✓  |
| 3.      | The demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet height cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 mts at the cost of User Agency.  | The User Agency has given an undertaking that the demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet height cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 mts at the cost of User Agency.<br>- 88 ✓   |
| 4.      | The user agency shall pay the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest area at the rates stipulated by the Ministry of Environment and Forests from time to time, as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court Order dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos.826 in 566 with related IAs in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995. | The User Agency has paid the Net Present Value of <b>Rs.2,10,240/-</b> for the diverted forest area at the rates stipulated by the Ministry of Environment and Forest from time to time, as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court Order dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos. 826 in 566 with related IAs in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995.<br><br><b>The UTR No. is IOBAN21170508389, dt. 21.06.2021.</b><br>- P 89 ✓ |

| Sl. No. | Compliance stipulated by State Government  | Compliance of conditions / reply  |
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| 5.      | 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.  | The User Agency has given an undertaking that 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 paid by them.<br><br>- p 90 ✓ |
| 6.      | The fund from the User Agency towards cost of Compensatory Afforestation and NPV under this Project shall be deposited in SB A/C No.1025227-CAF, Tamil Nadu, Corporation Bank, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi - 110003 (RTGS / IFSC No. CORP0000371). The details of deposition of funds including inter- alia the DD Nos and Date, amount, the Bank on which drawn and the date of deposition in the designated Bank shall also be furnished. The user Agency shall generate challan from the Ministry's online web portal to deposit the amount towards Compensatory levies. | The User Agency has deposited <b>Rs.2,10,240/-</b> towards NPV (The UTR No. is <b>IOBAN21170508389</b> , dt. <b>21.06.2021</b> ) in the TNCAMPA account. Compensatory Afforestation scheme was not stipulated in Stage-I approval.<br><br>- p 91 ✓                    |
| 7.      | 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.  | The User Agency has given an undertaking that they shall take responsibility for any loss to Flora and Fauna in the surroundings and shall take all possible measures to conserve the same.<br><br>- p 92 ✓   |

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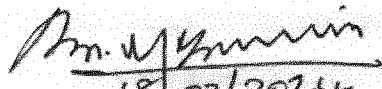
| Sl. No. | Compliance stipulated by State Government  | Compliance of conditions / reply  |
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| 8.      | The forest land shall not be used for any other purpose other than that specified in the proposal.   | The User Agency has given an undertaking that the forest land shall not be used for any other purpose other than that specified in the proposal. P-939  |
| 9.      | The lease rent should be realized from the User Agency as per G.O. Ms. No. 272, E & F (FR.XIII) Dept, dated 15.04.1991.                                | The User Agency has given an undertaking that the lease rent shall be paid by them as fixed by the Forest Dept. P-942   |
| 10.     | The Conservator of Forests and Wildlife Warden may impose any other condition in the interest of conservation / protection and development of forests. | The User Agency has given an undertaking to comply any other conditions imposed by the Conservator of Forests and Wildlife Warden in the interest of Conservation / protection and development of forest. P-952 |

Compliance report furnished by the User agency along with connected undertakings / documents and report of the Chief Conservator of Forests, Trichy and the Wildlife Warden, Nagapattinam are enclosed herewith.

I request that the Compliance Report may be forwarded to Government of India for obtaining Stage-II final approval for diversion of 0.48 ha (800 m x 6 m) of forest land in Alakudi RF for formation of road at 0/0 to 2/0 of Alakudi to Vellaimanal road in favour of Assistant Engineer, Rural Development, Panchayat Union, Kollidam for a period of 5 years.

Encl: As stated above

Yours faithfully,

  
 18/07/2024  
 for Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
 (Head of Forest Force)