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TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

From	To
Thiru Srinivas R. Reddy, I.F.S., Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) , Forest Head Quarters Building, Guindy-Velachery Main Road, Guindy, Chennai - 600 032.	The Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Environment, Climate Change and Forests Department, Secretariat, Chennai 600 009.

C. No. TS3/37648/2021 Dated: 05.03.2025.

Madam,

Sub: Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Diversion of 4.00 ha of Forest land in Pallipatti RF, Thombakkal RF and Thombakkal Extension Reserved Forests of Harur Range in Dharmapuri Forest Division for approach road from Vachathi to Kalasapadi via Arasanatham and Poigundanvalasu Tribal habitations of Sitheri Panchayat in Pappireddipatty Taluk of Dharmapuri District in favour of the Block Development Officer, Panchayat Union, Pappireddipatty, Dharmapuri District – Stage-1 approval accorded by the Government of India – Compliance report furnishing – Regarding

- Ref: 1 Online forest clearance proposal uploaded by the Block Development Officer, Pappireddipatty Union, Pappireddipatty, Dharmapuri District - Proposal No. FP/TN/Road/147758/2021
- 2 Part-II of Form-A uploaded by the District Forest Officer, Dharmapuri Division
- 3 Part-III of Form-A uploaded by the Conservator of Forests, Dharmapuri Circle
- 4 Principal Chief Conservator of Forests letter No. TS3/31973/2019 dated 18.08.2022 and 15.02.2023
- 5 Government letter No. 14963/FR.10/2022-3, dated 16.03.2023
- 6 Government of India, MoEF&CC, IRO, Chennai letter F. No. 4-TNB096/2022-CHN/463, dated 19.04.2023
- 7 Compliance of conditions uploaded by the user agency and forwarded by the District Forest Officer in parivesh portal

I wish to furnish herewith the Compliance report on Stage I in-Principle approval accorded for diversion of 4.00 ha of Forest land in Pallipatti RF, Thombakkal RF and Thombakkal Extension Reserved Forests of Harur Range in Dharmapuri Forest Division for approach road from Vachathi to Kalasapadi via Arasanatham and Poigundanvalasu Tribal habitations of Sitheri Panchayat in Pappireddipatty Taluk of Dharmapuri District in favour of the Block Development Officer, Panchayat Union, Pappireddipatty, Dharmapuri District as follows.

Condition No.	Conditions stipulated by the Government	Compliance of conditions/ reply
1	Legal status of the diverted forest land remains unchanged.	The legal status of the diverted forest land remains unchanged.
2	Demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of the User Agency.	The District Forest Officer, Dharmapuri Division has reported that, the user agency has paid Rs. 29,05,980/- for demarcation by erection of 4 feet high cement concrete pillars at an interval of 20 meters. This work will be carried out after obtaining Stage-II final approval.
3	The State Forest Department shall implement necessary programme for improvement of existing tree growth and other management / SMC activities over an extent of 8.00 ha of non-forest area in Sy No 692/7 Sy No 18 Kammampatti Village, at the cost of the User Agency.	An amount of Rs. 12,00,100/- has been paid by the user agency on 19.07.2024 in the State CAMPA account by generating challan in parivesh portal. Improvement of existing tree growth and other management/ SMC activities works will be carried out after obtaining Stage-II approval and approval of State CAMPA APO.

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4	The State Government shall carryout Compensatory afforestation and its maintenance for a period of 10 years over an extent of 8.00 Ha of degraded forest area identified in Dharmapuri Range of Thoppur Reserved Forest, at the cost of the User Agency.	An amount of Rs. 1,27,99,807/- has been paid by the user agency on 19.07.2024 in the State CAMPA account by generating challan in parivesh portal. Compensatory afforestation raising and maintenance of plantation will be will be carried out after obtaining Stage-II approval and approval of State CAMPA APO.
5	Identified CA area and CA scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.	Identified CA area and CA scheme will not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
6	The entire non-forest land proposed for CA over an extent of 8.00 ha in Sy No 69217 Sy No 18 Kammampatti Village shall be transferred and mutated in the name of Forest Department and notified as RF/PF prior to Stage-II approval. A copy of the original notification declaring the non-forest land under Section 4 or Section 29 of the Indian Forest Act, L927, or under the relevant section of the State Forest Act, shall be submitted by the State Government along with the compliance report.	The District collector, Dharmapuri vide Proceeding No. 33549/2024/Tha2, dated. 19.12.2024, the entire non-forest land proposed for CA over an extent of 8.00 Ha of non-forest area in S.F.No.692/7 of SF.No.18 Kammampatti Village in Dharmapuri District has been transferred and mutated in the name of Forest Department. Accordingly, the handing over of CA land to Forest Department ^{was} were done vide Tasildhar, Nallampalli Ref.No. 1467/2024/E1-3, dated 24.12.2024.

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		<p>Also, the Proposal U/ s 4 of Tamil Nadu Forest Act 1882 to declare the non-forest land as Reserved land over an extent of 8.00 ha of non-forest area in SF.No.692/7 of 18 Kammampatti village in Dharmapuri District is progress with collection of Revenue Records such as FMB (Individual for the proposed SF NO. 692/7), Ayacut Statements from Revenue Department. Thus, the Forest settlement proposal will be submitted shortly for notification.</p>
7	<p>The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring 4.00 ha from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos"826 in 566 with related IA's in Writ Petition (Civil) No.20211995 and Ministry's guideline No. 5- 312011-FC(Vol-I) dated 06.01.2022 and clarification issued vide letter dated 19.01.2022 and 22.03.2022.</p>	<p>An amount of Rs. 38,31,120/- has been paid by the user agency on 19.07.2024 in the State CAMPA account by generating challan in parivesh portal towards Net Present Value of forest area.</p>
8	<p>Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after</p>	<p>The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect and uploaded in the compliance</p>

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	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.	report.
9	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).	Funds toward, improvement of tree cover, compensatory afforestation and Net Present Value of forest area under this project has been transferred by the user agency in State CAMPA account in parivesh portal
10	Trees of spontaneous origin shall not be felled.	The user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect.
11	As the wildlife presence in this locality is more of small animals such as wild boar, monitor lizard, hares, deer and reptiles etc, the User Agency shall provide culverts and other structures as per the requirement in consultation with the DFO concerned at appropriate places to ensure safe movement of wild animals.	<p>Site specific Wildlife Mitigation plan ^{plan} prepared for Rs. 20,00,000/- has been got approved by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden vide Ref. No. WL5/8844/2024, dated 08.07.2024.</p> <p>The user agency has paid the amount on 19.07.2024 in the State CAMPA account by generating challan in parivesh portal.</p> <p>Wildlife mitigation measures will be carried out after obtaining</p>

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		Stage-II final approval and approval of State CAMPA APO.
12	The User Agency shall provide speed breakers at appropriate places in the forest area in consultation with the DFO concerned.	The user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect.
13	The User Agency may restrict the speed limit of the vehicles to 40 kmph or as appropriate in the forest area to avoid wild animal hits and display board regarding shall be erected at appropriate intervals in the entire stretch of the road in the forest area to sensitize the commuters.	The user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect.
14	Necessary mitigation measures shall be implemented at the cost of the project.	The user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect.
15	As the TANGEDCO, with the Sanction Order No.6261S/05/14-15. dated. 25-03-2015 constructed the transmission line in the forest area without prior approval from the competent authority under FCA, 1980, the said works shall be considered as Violation under FCA, 1980. Hence, the State Government shall not consider the forest area utilized by the TANGEDCO as diverted and the State Government shall take necessary action as per the provision made in the	Necessary action has also been initiated by the District Forest Officer, Dharmapuri Division for regularizing the erected transmission line laid along the existing mud road. Also, the Superintending Engineer, TNEB, Dharmapuri has been instructed vide DFO, Dharmapuri Division letter No. 908/2020/D1, dated.06.12.2023, 08.03.2024, 11.12.2024 and 18.12.2024 to apply the fresh proposal at

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	hand book Para 1.21 (i) (a & b). In this regard, the State Government shall submit detailed report on actual extent of forest area utilized, action initiated by the State Forest Department on officials of the TANGEDCO for violation and action taken on the forest department officials for not preventing such violation in the forest area.	<p>Parivesh Portal & for obtaining the prior permission of Government.</p> <p>The open house session meeting with Superintending Engineer, TNEB, Dharmapuri were lastly conducted in DFO office 11.11.2024. Now the proposal for regularization of transmission line is in progress.</p> <p>Progress made on this may be considered and accepted.</p>
16	The User Agency shall construct retaining walls and check walls wherever required, by consulting the DFO concerned, at the project cost.	The user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect.
17	The User Agency shall carryout avenue plantation and its maintenance on sides of the road at the cost of the project.	The user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect.
18	Construction of culverts / bridges, if any, over the natural streams/rivers/ canals shall be done in such a manner that it does not hamper the natural course of water, does not give rise to water-logging, and also does not hamper movement of wild animals.	The user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect.
19	Roadside cuttings and fillings which require engineering support shall be provided as per the instructions of the	The user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect.

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	DFO concerned so as to stabilize the soil.	
20	The dug out material / overburden shall be dumped outside the forest area. Storage of any material shall not be done in the forest area.	The user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect.
21	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.	The user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect.
22	The User Agency shall provide fire wood preferably alternate fuel to labourers working at the site to avoid damage/tree felling and no labour camp shall be established inside the forest area.	The user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect.
23	Disturbance shall be kept minimum by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it shall be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna.	The user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect.
24	The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 4.00 ha (BT portion shall be restricted to 3.75 mtrs) and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.	The user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect.

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25	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.	The user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect.
26	The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.	The user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect.
27	Any other conditions that the Central Government or Regional Officer (Central) of Integrated 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.	The user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect.
28	In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as per the rules / guidelines issued under FCA, 1980.	The user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect.
29	The State Government shall process and submit compliance report on the above conditions through online (https://parivesh.nic.in/).	Compliance report processed through parivesh portal.

Compliance report of the User agency along with connected undertakings/ documents and report of District Forest Officer, Dharmapuri Division are uploaded in parivesh portal.

I request that, compliance report may be considered and forwarded to the Government of India for issue of Stage - II final approval for diversion of 4.00 ha of Forest land in Pallipatti RF, Thombakkal RF and Thombakkal Extension Reserved Forests of Harur Range in Dharmapuri Forest Division for approach road from Vachathi to Kalasapadi via Arasanatham and Poigundanvalasu Tribal habitations of Sitheri Panchayat in Pappireddipatty Taluk of Dharmapuri District in favour of the Block Development Officer, Panchayat Union, Pappireddipatty, Dharmapuri District for a period of 20 years

Yours faithfully



For Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)

Copy to

The Conservator of Forests, Dharmapuri Circle and District Forest Officer, Dharmapuri Division.

Copy to the Block Development Officer, Panchayat Union, Pappireddipatty, Dharmapuri District, Pin code 636 905. (User agency)