

TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

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Ref. No. TS4/5306/2014, dated: 07.01.2025

Sir,

Sub: Forests – Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 [previously called Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980] – Trichy Circle – Nagapattinam Wildlife Division – for diversion of 0.53 ha in Pudupattinam RF Bit-I for the reconstruction of existing damaged bridge at KM 18/4 of Puthur-Pudupattinam Palaiyur road of Nagapattinam District – In-Principle (Stage-I) approval accorded by Government of India – Notice issued by Regional Office to User Agency regarding revocation of approval due to non-submission of compliance report – Compliance Report uploaded by User Agency – forwarding – reg.

- Ref:
1. Online application uploaded by Divisional Engineer, Highways, Nagapattinam, Proposal No: FP / TN / Road / 8584 / 2014 on 23.12.2014.
 2. Part-II uploaded by Wildlife Warden, Nagapattinam on 28.04.2015.
 3. Government of India, Regional Office, Chennai, Letter F. No. 4–TNB012/17-CHN/1239, dt: 07.08.2017 (Stage-I approval).
 4. Government of India, Letter F. No. 4-TNB012/2017-CHN/1132, dt: 05.10.2023 (Notice issued).
 5. Compliance Report uploaded by User Agency on 15.08.2024.
 6. Compliance Report reviewed by Wildlife Warden, Nagapattinam vide C. No. 2930 / 2013 / D, dt: 02.09.2024, 03.10.2024 and 04.12.2024.
 7. Compliance Report reviewed by Chief Conservator of Forests, Trichy vide Ref. No. 10926/2024/D, dt: 13.09.2024.

I wish to inform that, the User Agency ie. The Divisional Engineer, Highways, Nagapattinam has uploaded the Compliance report for the conditions stipulated by the Government of India in Stage-I approval for diversion of 0.53 ha in Pudupattinam RF Bit-I for the reconstruction of existing damaged bridge at KM 18/4 of Puthur-Pudupattinam Palaiyur road of Nagapattinam District.

The above Compliance Report has been verified and forwarded by the Wildlife Warden, Nagapattinam and the Chief Conservator of Forests, Trichy vide reference 6th and 7th cited above.

The contents of the Compliance report are as follows:

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i	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.	The User Agency has agreed that the Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
ii	The 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 User Agency.	The User Agency has agreed that the 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 User Agency.
iii	The State Government shall charge the NPV of the diverted forest land measuring 0.53 ha (if the an extent of 0.15 ha of forest land included in the 0.53 ha proposed for diversion under subject proposal, then NPV for an extent of 0.38 ha may be collected) 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.202/1995.	The User Agency has paid the Net Present Value of Rs.4,24,422/- (The UTR No. is SBINR52024072337247301, dt: 23/07/2024) for the forest land being diverted under this proposal 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.202/1995.
iv	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 User Agency.	The User Agency has uploaded the undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
v	In part II of the online application, DFO, Nagapattinam Wildlife Division has mentioned that an area of 0.53 ha of forest land in Sirkazhi RF has been identified for compensatory afforestation with the financial outlay of Rs.8,06,946. The CA details like map with DGPS co-ordinates,	As per the report of the WLW, Nagapattinam, the CA proposal for Rs.8,06,946/- is observed that the above amount includes three components: 1. Cost of raising the mangrove plantation and 10 years maintenance: Rs.97,096/-. 2. Chain link fencing: Rs.2,12,180/-. 3. NPV value for 0.53 ha: Rs.4,97,670/-.

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	CA scheme etc shall be furnished and to be uploaded in web portal.	<p>NPV amount has been already asked in S.No.3. Also it is not possible to carry out chain link fencing in swamp area of the RF proposed for mangrove afforestation. The cost for raising and maintaining of mangrove plantation for 10 years is not sufficient as per current rates. Hence, a revised CA scheme has been prepared based on current rates to take up mangrove plantation along with maintenance for 10 years in 0.53 ha area in Pudupattinam Bit-1 RF for an amount of Rs.1,70,374/-.</p> <p>This amount has been paid by the user agency.</p> <p>(UTR No: SBINR52024072337247301, dt: 23/07/2024).</p>
vi	State Government shall carry out Penal Compensatory Afforestation (PCA) in degraded forest area in equivalent extent of area in violation of FCA, 1980 at the cost of the user agency.	<p>Extent of area in violation of FCA, 1980 is 0.38 ha. Hence an amount of Rs.1,22,154/- is required to undertake mangrove plantation with 10-year maintenance in Pudupattinam Bit I RF over an area of 0.38 ha.</p> <p>The same has been paid by the user agency.</p> <p>(UTR No: SBINR52024072337247301, dt: 23/07/2024).</p>
vii	Details of the degraded forest land to be identified for the Penal Compensatory Afforestation (PCA) i.e. Map with DGPS co-ordinates, CA scheme etc shall be furnished.	Details of the degraded forest land in Puthupattinam Bit-I RF identified for Penal Compensatory Afforestation (PCA), i.e., Map with DGPS co-ordinates, CA scheme etc., has been attached by the WLW, Nagapattinam.
viii	The funds received from the User Agency towards Compensatory Afforestation and Net Present Value under this project shall	The User Agency has deposited Rs.3,86,900/- through RTGS by Cheque No: 542769, dt:18.08.2020 and

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	be deposited in the respective bank account of the Tamil Nadu State CAMPA. The User Agency shall compulsorily deposit the CA and other levies only by generating challan through the Ministry's website.	Rs.3,30,050/- through RTGS by UTR No: SBINR52024072337247301, dt: 23/07/2024 in the TNCAMPA account. The User Agency has deposited Rs.4,24,422/- towards NPV, Rs.1,70,374/- towards CA and Rs.1,22,154/- towards mangrove plantation for the extent of area in violation of 0.38 ha, with a total of Rs.7,16,950/- . Raising mangrove plantation in CA scheme is proposed by the WLW, for which it is not possible to carryout chain-link fencing in swamp area. Hence, the amount for chain-link fence not collected from the User Agency.
ix	No tree shall be felled in the proposed forest land for diversion.	The User Agency has agreed that, no tree shall be felled in the proposed forest land for diversion.
x	The muck generated in the earth cutting if any, will be disposed off at designated dumping sites and in no case the muck / debris will be disposed off in the Forest areas.	The User Agency has agreed that, the muck generated in the earth cutting if any, will be disposed off at designated dumping sites and in no case the muck / debris will be disposed off in the Forest areas.
xi	The User Agency shall raise avenue plantations on both sides of the proposed road.	The User Agency has agreed that, the avenue plantations on both sides of the proposed road will be raised by Highways Department.
xii	State Government shall carry out mangrove plantation in nearby forest area at the cost of the user agency.	The User Agency has deposited Rs.1,70,374/- towards CA and Rs.1,22,154/- towards mangrove plantation for the extent of area in violation of 0.38 ha by UTR No: SBINR52024072337247301, dt: 23/07/2024 in the TNCAMPA account.
xiii	The Forestland proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or subleased to any other	The User Agency has agreed that, the Forestland proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or

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	agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.	subleased to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.
xiv	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.	The User Agency has agreed that, the layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
xv	The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the Environment (Protection) Act 1986, if required.	The User Agency has agreed that, the Environment Clearance will be obtained as per the Environment (Protection) Act 1986, if required.
xvi	Minimal disturbance should be ensured by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it will be the responsibility of the UA to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna.	The User Agency has agreed that, the minimal disturbance will be ensured by creating labour camps outside the forest area and it will be ensured that the labourers & staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna.
xvii	The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.53 ha and the sanctuary area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal.	The User Agency has agreed that, the total forest area utilized for the project will not be exceed 0.53 ha and the sanctuary area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal.
xviii	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 agreed that, the User agency will ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.

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xix	Any other condition that the Central Government or Addl. PCCF (Central) of 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 agreed that, any other condition that the Central Government or Addl. PCC1F (Central) of Regional Office, Chennai may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area.
xx	The Progress of the Compensatory Afforestation under the jurisdiction of DFO, Nagapattinam Wildlife Division shall be monitored by the Circle Head and a copy of such monitoring report shall be forwarded to the Regional Office.	The WLW, Nagapattinam and the CCF, Trichy have assured that, the progress of the Compensatory Afforestation under the jurisdiction of Nagapattinam Wildlife Division will be monitored by the Circle Head. A copy of such monitoring report will be forwarded to the Regional Office, on receipt of the same from the Circle Head.
xxi	In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the user agency is liable for penal action as decided by the Additional PCCF (Central), Regional Office, Chennai.	The User Agency has agreed that, in the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the user agency will be liable for penal action as decided by the Additional PCCF (Central), Regional Office, Chennai.

Compliance report furnished by the User agency along with connected undertakings / documents and report of the Chief Conservator of Forests, Trichy Circle and the WLW, Nagapattinam Wildlife Division are forwarded in the PARIVESH Portal for further action.

The Government of India, Regional Office, Chennai vide Letter F. No. 4–TNB012/17-CHN/1239, dt: 07.08.2017 has conveyed the In-Principle (Stage-I) approval under section 2 of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 0.53 ha in Pudupattinam RF Bit-I for the reconstruction of existing damaged bridge at KM 18/4 of Puthur-Pudupattinam Palaiyur road of Nagapattinam District.

Hence, I request that the Compliance Report may be forwarded to Government of India, Regional Office, Chennai to accord Stage-II final approval for diversion of 0.53 ha in Pudupattinam RF Bit-I for the reconstruction of existing damaged bridge at KM 18/4 of Puthur-Pudupattinam Palaiyur road of Nagapattinam District for a period of 20 years.

Yours faithfully,

S. Alayav *07/01/25*
for Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)

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