8-02/2025-FC I/123474/2025

Government of India Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (Forest Conservation Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj New Delhi – 110003 **Dated:23-07-2025**

To The Additional Chief Secretary (Forests), Government of Tamil Nadu, Chennai

Sub: Proposal for seeking *ex-post facto* approval of the Central Govt. -Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980- for diversion of 0.50 ha. (originally proposed area 0.64 ha) of forest land in Nallur Reserved Forest of Chengalpattu Kancheepuram Divisi0on for widening the existing approach road leading to Sri Sairam Engineering College and Other Educational Institutions managed by M/s Sapthagiri Educational Trust (Online Proposal FP/TN/Road/17771/2016) - Regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Tamil Nadu vide letter No. 15119/FR.10/2029-6 dated 23.04.2025 on the above mentioned subject for seeking espost facto approval of the Central Govt. under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. After the careful examination of the proposal, the following information is required to be submitted for further necessary action in the matter:

- i. The instant proposal is for widening of the existing road for which 0.84 Ha was diverted by the Ministry on 13.12.2004. As per the letter to the State Government dated 16.12.2024, the Regional Office stated that the road was constructed around 400 mtr away from the approved alignment. The State Government shall bring out the reasons for the shift in the alignment.
- ii. The State Govt. is requested to submit a revised proposal incorporating the violation and surrender the un-used area originally approved to the State Forest Department. The Area in the Parivesh portal may be revised accordingly.
- iii. The State shall submit revised KML file of the proposed area.
- iv. The complete KML file of originally diverted area and actual used area and CA area shall be submitted.
- v. The State shall examine the matter and submit an action taken report on the User Agency and field functionaries for the violation of conditions in the earlier approval granted by the Ministry dated 13.12.2004.
- vi. The compliance report of the conditions of the earlier approvalgranted by the

8-02/2025-FC I/123474/2025

Ministry dated 13.12.2004 shall be submitted by the State Govt.

Yours Sincerely, Sd/-(S. Sundar) Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

- 1. PCCF (HoFF), State Forest Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, Chennai.
- 2. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o PCCF, State Forest Department Government of Tamil Nadu, Chennai.
- 3. DDGF (Central), Regional Office of MoEF&CC at Chennai.
- 4. User Agency.