

**Letter No.17215/FR.10/2020-12, dated: 07.04.2025**

From  
Tmt.Supriya Sahu, IAS.,  
Additional Chief 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 - 600 006. (w.e).

Sir,

Sub: Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 – Proposal (FP/TN/Road/28608/2017) for diversion of 1.68 ha. of forest land in Perumalai Reserved Forests in Dindigul Forest Division for upgrading of road by formation of new black top road from the foot hills of Lingavadi Malaiyur to Lingavadi Malaiyur Village – In-principle (Stage-I) approval accorded by the Government of India - Compliance Report - Forwarding of – Regarding.

- Ref:
1. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) Letter No.TS4/31700/2017, dated 03.12.2020.
  2. Government Letter No.17215/FR.10/2020-5, dated 19.08.2021 and 06.04.2022.
  3. From the Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central), Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Chennai Letter No.F.No.4-TNB075/2021-CHN/869, dated 17.08.2022.
  4. Government letter No. 17215/FR.10/2020-9, dated 05.09.2022 and 09.08.2024.
  5. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) Letter No.TS4/31700/2017, dated 22.03.2025.

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I am directed to enclose a copy of the reference fifth cited along with its enclosures, wherein the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has furnished the compliance report on all the conditions stipulated in the In-principle approval accorded in your letter third cited.

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

Yours faithfully,

*A. Malathy*  
for Additional Chief Secretary to Government.

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**TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From

Thiru. Srinivas R. Reddy, I.F.S.,  
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 Additional Chief Secretary to  
Government,  
Environment, Climate Change and Forests  
Department, Secretariat,  
Chennai – 600 009.

**Ref. No.TS4/31700/2017, dated: 22.03.2025**

Madam,

Sub: Forests – Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980  
[previously called Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980] – Dindigul Circle –  
Dindigul Forest Division – proposal for diversion of 1.68 ha of forest  
land in Perumalai RF for road upgradation of black top road from the  
foot hills of L. Malaiyur to L. Malaiyur village in favour of Assistant  
Engineer, Natham Union, Dindigul District – Stage-I approval issued –  
Compliance Report received – forwarding – reg.

- Ref:
1. Online application uploaded by Assistant Engineer, Natham Union, Dindigul District (on behalf of DRDA), Proposal No. FP / TN / Road / 28608 / 2017 on 10.08.2017.
  2. Government Letter No:17215/FR-10/2020-5 & 8, dt: 19.08.2021 and 06.04.2022.
  3. Government of India, MoEF & CC, IRO, Chennai, Lr. F.No.4-TNB075/2021-CHN/869, dt: 17.08.2022 (Stage-I approval).
  4. Compliance report uploaded by the User Agency on 24.12.2024.
  5. Compliance Report processed by the District Forest Officer, Dindigul vide C. No. 4581/2017/D1, dt: 07.02.2025.
  6. Compliance Report processed by the Conservator of Forests, Dindigul vide C. No. 7289/2017/D1, dt: 21.02.2025.

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I wish to inform that, the Assistant Engineer, Natham Union, Dindigul District (on behalf of DRDA) has uploaded the Compliance report for the conditions stipulated by the Government of India in Stage-I approval for the above proposal.

The above Compliance Report has been verified and forwarded by the District Forest Officer, Dindigul and Conservator of Forests, Dindigul vide reference 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> cited.

The contents of the Compliance report are as follows:

Sl. No.	Compliance stipulated by Government of India	Compliance of conditions / reply
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. P-247 y
ii	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 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 the User Agency. P-247 y
iii	The State Forest Department shall carryout compensatory afforestation over an extent of 3.36 ha in SF No. 1154/2 of Sendurai Village of Natham Taluk, at the cost of the User Agency.	The User Agency has paid the Compensatory Afforestation cost of <b>Rs.39,16,298/-</b> (The UTR No. is <b>CMS0162339878034</b> , dt: <b>16.03.2024</b> ) to carryout plantation over an extent of 3.36 ha in SF No. 1154/2 of Sendurai Village of Natham Taluk in Dindigul Division. P-247 y
iv	The identified non forest area for CA purpose and CA scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government. The CA land shall be demarcated properly.	The District Forest Officer has agreed that the identified non forest area for CA purpose and CA scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government. The User Agency has agreed that the CA land shall be demarcated properly. P-247 y
v	Entire non-forest land identified over an extent of 3.36 ha in SF No. 1154/2 of Sendurai Village of Natham Taluk for raising compensatory afforestation shall be transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department and shall be notified as RF / PF before issue of the Stage-II clearance. Copy of such notification shall be submitted along with the compliance report.	The entire non-forest land identified over an extent of 3.36 ha in SF No. 1154/2 of Sendurai Village of Natham Taluk for raising compensatory afforestation has <u>been transferred and mutated in favour of</u> the State Forest Department. The TCR between Tahsildar, Natham and Forest Range Officer, Ayyalur has been effected as on 03.05.2024. Notification of the above non-forest land as <u>RF is under preparation</u> by the District Forest Officer, Dindigul. P-247 y.

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vi	The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring 1.68 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. 202 / 1995 and Ministry's guideline No. 5-3 / 2011 – FC (Vol-1) dated 06.01.2022 and clarification issued vide letter dated 22.03.2022.	The User Agency has paid the Net Present Value of Rs.14,47,200/- (The UTR No. is CMS0162339878034, dt: 16.03.2024) for the diverted forest land measuring 1.68 ha 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 and Ministry's guideline No. 5-3 / 2011 – FC (Vol-1) dated 06.01.2022 and clarification issued vide letter dated 22.03.2022.
vii	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 this effect.	The User Agency has agreed that the additional amount of the 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 them. The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect.
viii	All the funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred / deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal ( <a href="https://parivesh.nic.in/">https://parivesh.nic.in/</a> ).	The User Agency has agreed the above condition and paid all the funds under the project has been transferred / deposited to CAMPA fund through e-portal ( <a href="https://parivesh.nic.in/">https://parivesh.nic.in/</a> ).
ix	The State Forest Department shall carry out wildlife mitigation measures as proposed with financial outlay of Rs. 63,66,500/- at the cost of the User Agency. Detailed report on implementation of such mitigation plan shall be submitted to the IRO, Chennai for record and monitoring purpose.	The User Agency has paid the cost for wildlife mitigation measures of Rs.1,18,44,900/- (The UTR No. is CMS0162339878034, dt: 16.03.2024). The detailed report on implementation of mitigation plan will be submitted to the IRO, Chennai in due course.

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x	As proposed by the CCF, Dindigul Circle, the UA shall ensure that all patta land boundaries of the inhabitants are demarcated in the field physically before the commencement of the project to avoid encroachments and other illegal land issues in future.	The User Agency has agreed the above condition and furnished an undertaking to this effect.  P-248 42
xi	The trees of spontaneous origin shall be felled as per the orders of CEC / Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.	The User Agency has agreed that the trees of spontaneous origin shall be felled as per the orders of CEC / Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.  P-248 42
xii	As per the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India / CEC directions, the State Government shall take necessary steps to comply with the following:	          P-248 42
	a. The Right of Way of 6 feet wide provided in the Reserved Forest Notification may be modified so as to replace it with the new black topped road proposed to be constructed and a corresponding notification issued under the Tamil Nadu Forest Act.	The District Forest Officer has agreed the above condition to send proposal to issue amendment notification under Tamil Nadu Forest Act for modification of Right of Way of 6 feet wide provided in the Reserved Forest Notification.
	b. The extract of the Hon'ble SC of India is as follows; <i>Additional PCCF, Regional office of MoEF&amp;CC at Chennai in coordination with the Forest Department of State of Tamil Nadu will monitor the implementation of the compensatory planting of trees.</i> <i>"Let six monthly reports be submitted to the CEC with respect to plantation and its rate of survival and growth of newly planted trees. The first report be submitted within six months. Thereafter, in every six months, it has to be submitted to the CEC for a period of five Years".</i> In view of the above direction, the State	The District Forest Officer has agreed the above condition to include CA activities under the subject project in the upcoming CAMPA APO and will ensure timely and effective implementation of CA scheme. The District Forest Officer will submit progress of the CA implementation and detailed report on activities carried out etc., every month, which will be sent to the IRO, Chennai through proper channel for examination and monitoring purpose.

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	Forest Department shall include CA activities under the subject project in the upcoming CAMPA APO and shall ensure timely and effective implementation of CA scheme. The State Government shall submit progress of the CA implementation and detailed report on activities carried out etc., every month to the IRO, Chennai for examination and monitoring purpose.	
xiii	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 agreed to construct retaining walls and check walls wherever required, by consulting the DFO concerned, at the project cost. <span style="float: right;">-p248 4</span>
xiv	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 agreed that the construction of culverts / bridges, if any, over the natural streams / rivers / canals will 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. <span style="float: right;">-p249 4</span>
xv	Roadside cuttings and fillings which require engineering support shall be provided as per the instructions of the DFO concerned so as to stabilize the soil.	The User Agency has agreed that the roadside cuttings and fillings which require engineering support will be provided as per the instructions of the DFO concerned so as to stabilize the soil. <span style="float: right;">-p249 4</span>
xvi	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 agreed that the dug-out material / overburden will be dumped outside the forest area. Storage of any material will not be done in the forest area. <span style="float: right;">-p249 4</span>
xvii	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 will not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government. <span style="float: right;">-p249 4</span>

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xviii	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 agreed that they will provide fire wood preferably alternate fuel to labourers working at the site to avoid damage / tree felling and no labour camp will be established inside the forest area.
xix	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 agreed that the disturbance will be kept minimum by creating labour camps outside forest area and it will be the responsibility of them to ensure that labourers & staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna.
xx	The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 1.68 ha 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 agreed that the total forest area utilized for the project will not exceed 1.68 ha and the forest area diverted will not be used for any other purpose. The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect.
xxi	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 agreed that the forest land proposed for diversion will under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.
xxii	No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.	The User Agency has agreed that no additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
xxiii	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 agreed to 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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xxiv	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 UA.	The User Agency has agreed that 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, will be complied by them. <span style="float: right;">-p249 f</span>
xxv	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 under rules / guidelines issued under FCA, 1980.	The User Agency has agreed that in the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions, they will be liable for penal action as per the provisions under rules / guidelines issued under FCA, 1980. <span style="float: right;">-p249 f</span>
xxvi	The State Government shall process and submit compliance report on the above conditions through online ( <a href="https://parivesh.nic.in/">https://parivesh.nic.in/</a> ).	The User Agency has agreed and furnished the compliance report on the above conditions through online ( <a href="https://parivesh.nic.in/">https://parivesh.nic.in/</a> ). <span style="float: right;">-p250 f</span>

The Government of India, Regional Office, Chennai vide reference 3<sup>rd</sup> cited has conveyed the In-Principle approval (Stage-I) under Section 2 of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 1.68 ha of forest land in Perumalai RF for the above proposal. The Compliance Report furnished by the User agency along with connected undertakings / documents and report of the Conservator of Forests, Dindigul and the District Forest Officer, Dindigul are forwarded in the PARIVESH Portal for further action.

I request that the Compliance Report may be forwarded to Government of India, Regional Office, Chennai and obtain Stage-II final approval for diversion of 1.68 ha of forest land in Perumalai RF for road upgradation of black top road from the foot hills of L. Malaiyur to L. Malaiyur village in favour of Assistant Engineer, Natham Union, Dindigul District for a period of 20 years.

Yours faithfully,

  
 Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
 (Forest Conservation Act) (FAC)

Copy to the Conservator of Forests, Dindigul. 22/03/25

Copy to the District Forest Officer, Dindigul. 22/3/22

Copy to the Assistant Engineer, Natham Union, Dindigul District.

