

भारतीय राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग प्राधिकरण (सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्रालय) **National Highways Authority of India** (Ministry of Road Transport & Highways)

Date: 01.02.2023

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Office of the Deputy General Manager (Tech) cum Project Director Project Implementation Unit

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Ref: NHAI/PIU/MDU/NH785/I/01/2022

The District Forest Officer Madurai Forest Division Madurai

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The District Forest Officer Dindigul Forest Division Dindigul

Sir,

NHAI, PIU, Madurai - Four laning of Chettikulam - Natham section from km Sub: 7.300 to km 36.690 of NH-785 on EPC mode under Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase -I in the State of Tamil Nadu -Forest Clearance Proposal (No FP/TN/ROAD/29470/2017) for Diversion of 2.3824Ha of forest land - Central Government's in principle approval (Stage - I) received - Conditions stipulated by MoEF&CC - Compliances submitted -Reg

Ref:

- 1. Online application uploaded in Parivesh Portal Dt. 27.09.2017
- 2. IRO, MoEF&CC, Chennai Lr. No. F.No.4-TNB077/2022-CHN/1197 Dt.
- 3. This Office Lr. No. NHAI/PIU/MDU/NH785/I/01/2022/3331 Dt.25.11.2022
- 4. This Office Lr. No. NHAI/PIU/MDU/NH785/I/01/2022/3332 Dt. 26.11.2022
- 5. This Office Lr. No. NHAI/PIU/MDU/NH785/I/01/2022/3443 Dt.05.12.2022
- 6. DFO, Madurai Lr. No.D1/1173/2018 Dt. 01.12.2022
- 7. DFO, Dindigul Lr. No. 2439/2019/D1Dt. 12.12.2022 8. DFO, Madurai Lr. No. D1/1173/2018 Dt. 21.12.2022
- 9. DFO, Dindigul Lr. No. 2439/2019/D1 Dt. 26.12.2022
- 10. PCCF, Chennai Lr. No. TS4/35838/2017 Dt. 27.12.2022
- 11. This Office Lr. No. NHAI/PIU/MDU/NH785/I/01/2022/3654 Dt. 28.12.2022
- 12. DFO, Madurai Lr. No. D1/1173/2018 Dt. 29.12.2022
- 13. Chief Wildlife 10. Warden, Dindigul Lr. No. WL5/20665/2022 Dt. 22.12.2022
- 14. Chief Wildlife Warden, Madurai Lr. No. WL5/39894/2022 Dt. 11.01.2023
- 15. Payment Challen generated in Parivesh Portal Dated 12.01.2023
- 16. Payment made by NHAI on 16.01.2023
- 17. This Office Lr. No. NHAI/PIU/MDU/NH785/I/01/2022/110 Dt. 16.01.2023
- 18. PCCF, Chennai Lr. No. TS4/35838/2017 Dt. 27.01.2023 (Received mail on 01.02.2023)

Kind attention is invited to the references cited. The work of four laning of Chettikulam - Natham section taken up by NHAI. The proposal for diversion of forest land in Kiluvamalai Reserve Forest & Usilampatti Reserve forest in Madurai North taluk of Madurai District & Alagarmalai Reserve forest in Dindigul District in total for an extent of 2.3824Ha have been uploaded in Parivesh Portal on 27.09.2017 vide reference 1st cited.



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- 2. In this connection, vide reference 2nd cited, the stage-I approval has been received from IRO, MoEF&CC, Chennai for the said project stretch.
- 3. Based on the demand notice received from DFO, Madurai and DFO, Dindigul on uploadting in Parivesh portal on 11.01.2023, the Challan has been generated for an amount of Rs. 2,87,88,816/- (Rupees Two Crore Eighty Seven Lakhs Eighty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixteen only) in Parivesh Portal by PCCF, Chennai vide reference 15th cited and this amount includes of NPV Value, Compensatory Afforestation charges and Mitigation Plan charges received from DFO, Madurai and DFO, Dindigul as follows:

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	Tomana notice		Amount	Total amount
		mentioned by	mentioned by	
		DFO, Madurai	DFO, Dindigul	
1	NPV	7,01,950	13,49,800	20,51,750
2	Compensatory Afforestation	27,02,762	39,84,304	66,87,066
3	Mitigation Plan	1,10,00,000	90,50,000	2,00,50,000
TOTAL				
The total amount towards NDV V. I. C.				2,87,88,816

- 4. The total amount towards NPV Value, Compensatory Afforestation and Mitigation Plan of both Madurai and Dindigul Forest Divisions amounting to Rs. 2,87,88,816/- has been paid by NHAI to TAMILNADU CAMPA vide UTR No. CMS0162339878034 on 16.01.2023 vide reference 16th cited.
- 5. Vide reference 17th cited, the point wise compliance report also submitted to DFO, Madurai & Dindigul requesting working permission and Stage-II approval. However, vide reference 18th cited, PCCF, Chennai has made observation on point no.11 of the compliance report submitted by this office. Accordingly, compliances and copy of supreme court order of India also enclosed herewith.

S.No	Observation of RO, MoEF&CC, Chennai	Reply of NHAI
1	The legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.	status will not be changed. (Undertaking enclosed)
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	It is undertaken that the demarcation shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars, duly numbered, at an interval of 20 meters at
3	Exact length and width of the road within the proposed alignment which is not part of notified RF may be informed with supporting documents and in any case the state Government shall not allow the User agency to utilize forest area without prior	the cost of NHAI (Undertaking enclosed) FM sketch showing exact length and wid of existing road land (including copy of register dated 20.10.1919) which is not part of notified RF is herewith appendent as Annexure-A.

S.No	Observation of RO, MoEF&CC, Chennai	Reply of NHAI
	approval of Govt.of India under FC 1980;	Α,
4	The State Forest Department shat carryout compensatory afforestation over an extent of 3.50 ha of Degrade Forest land identified at Alagarmal RF, Azhagarkovil Range and an extent of 5.00 ha of degraded forest laridentified at Kiluvamalai RF, at the cost of the User Agency;	the indigenous tree species and it maintenance over an extent of 3.50Ha in Alagarmalai RF was already paid (UTR CMS0162339878034 dated 16.01.2023) as per the demand notice received from DFO, Dindigul and subsequent challar generated from the Parivesh portal. The CA amount of Rs. 27,02,762/- for raising the indigenous tree species and its maintenance over an extent of 5.00Ha in
5	Identified CA area and CA scheme shall not be changed without prior approva	
	or Central Government;	without prior approval of Central
7. A V au sa In St Ag	The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the Diverted forest land measuring 2.3824 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 write Petition (Civil) No.202/1995 and Ministry's guideline No.5-3/2011-C(Vol-1) dated 06.01.2022 and clarification issued vide letter dated 9.01.2022 and 22.03.2022; Idditional amount of the Net Present falue (NPV) of diverted forest land if my, becoming due after revision of the ame by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of the india in future, shall be charged by the cate Government from the User gency. The User Agency shall furnish the undertaking to this effect. I the funds received from the User	already paid (UTR: CMS0162339878034 dated 16.01.2023) as per the demand notice received from DFO, Madurai and subsequent challan generated from the Parivesh portal. The NPV amounting Rs.13,49,800/- was already paid (UTR: CMS0162339878034 dated 16.01.2023)as per the demand notice received from DFO,Dindigul and subsequent challan generated from the Parivesh portal. It is hereby undertaken that the additional amount of NPV, if any, after revision by Hon'ble Supreme court of India in future will be remitted by NHAI whenever requested by Forest Department (undertaking enclosed)
tra on (<u>ht</u> Th ret	gency under the project shall be ansferred / deposited to CAMPA fund ly through e-portal ttps://parivesh.nic.in/); e User Agency shall construct taining walls and Check walls	It is hereby informed that the fund is already deposited to CAMPA fund through Parivesh portal as per the direction of Forest Department/State Government. (undertaking enclosed) It is hereby undertaken that the retaining walls and Check walls wherever required by Forest Department will be constructed

S.No	Observation of RO, MoEF&CC, Chennai	Reply of NHAI
	the proposed cost;	
10	The user Agency shall carryout avenuplantation and its maintenance on side of the road at the cost of the project;	plantation will be done as per IRC: SP 2-2009 at the cost of NHAI(undertaking
11	The User Agency shall obtain pricapproval of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India/CEC for felling of tree of spontaneous origin and UA shall abide by the recommendations of the CEC. The State Government shall not issue working permission till prior approvation of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India/CEC, realization of all levies and compliance of other conditions for issuing of such working permission;	Project Director, NHAI, Madurai filed I before Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in I.A. Nos. 20662/2021 and 20676/2021 of 01.02.2021 for felling of spontaneous trees identified by DFO, Madurai and DFO Dindigul. The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India
		"These applications are filed by the National Highways Authority of India seeking permission to fell 170 tress in Kiluvamali Reserve Forest of Palagur Village in Madurai North and 77 tress in Alagarmalai Reserve Forest in Dindigul forest. Having heard Mr. P.V. Yogeswaran, Learned Counsel appearing for the applicant and Mr. A.D.N. Rao, learned Amicus Curiae, we are of the opinion that these applications deserve to be allowed. Therefore, the applications are allowed subject to the applicant obtaining all
	Trees required to be felled, shall be felled under the strict supervision of DFOs concerned;	It is hereby undertaken that the trees will be felled under the strict supervision of
B A a	As the wildlife mitigation plan duly approved by the CWLW shall be mplemented at the project cost;	It is hereby undertaken that the mitigation plan duly approved by Chief Wildlife Warden shall be implemented at
ci th co w	onstruction of culverts/ bridges, if ny, over the natural streams / rivers / anals shall be done in such a manner state it does not hamper the natural purse of water, does not give rise to ater logging and also does not hamper overment of wild animals.	It is hereby undertaken that the additional culvert/bridges over the natural streams/rivers/canal will be constructed in consultation with DFO, Dindigul and DFO, Madurai to facilitate the free flow of water course to avoid rise of water ogging and hampering the movement of
pr Di:	padside cuttings and fillings which liquire engineering support shall be povided as per the instructions of the	Vild animals. (undertaking enclosed) t is hereby undertaken that proper slope rotection for the cutting & filling will be rovided in consultation with DFO, ladural & Dindigul. (undertaking enclosed)

S.No	Observation of RO, MoEF&CC, Chennai	Reply of NHAI
16	The dug out material / overburde shall be dumped outside the forest area. Storage of any material shall no be done in the forest area.	It is hereby undertaken that the dugor material/overburden/debris will the dumped outside the forest area and r storage will be done in forest area.
17	The layout plan of the proposal shal not be changed without the prio approval of the Central Government.	layout plan will not be changed withou prior approval of the Central Government
18	The User Agency shall provide fire wood preferably alternate fuel to laborers working at the site to avoid damage/tree felling and no labour camp shall be established inside the forest area;	camp will be established inside the forest
	Disturbance shall be kept minimum by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it will 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;	shall be kept minimum by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far a possible and it will be ensured that the labourers ft staff engaged in execution
s to see the s	The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 2.3824 Ha (with the condition that the wherever space left for Avenue Plantation within the area of 2.3824 Ha, existing trees shall be retained and if required in view of road safety, then such trees may be pruned as per requirement with the approval of DFOs concerned and corest area proposed for future videning within 2.3824 ha, shall not be utilized for non-forestry purpose at cresent and whenever required for uture widening, the User Agency may equest for concurrence from IRO, hennai to utilize such area earmarked or future utility purpose within 2.3824 ha). The forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than nose shown in the diversion proposal. The forest land proposed for diversion the forest land proposed for diversion proposed	It is hereby undertaken that the forest area to be utilized will not exceed 2.3824 Ha (with the condition that the wherever space left for Avenue Plantation within the area of 2.3824 Ha, existing trees shall be retained and if required in view of road safety, then such trees may be pruned as per requirement with the approval of DFOs concerned and forest area proposed for future widening within 2.3824 ha, shall not be utilized for non-forestry purpose at present and whenever required for future widening, the User Agency may request for concurrence from IRO, Chennai to utilize such area earmarked for future utility purpose within 2.3824 ha). The diverted forest land will not be used for any other purpose than shown in the diversion proposal. (undertaking enclosed).
sh tra ag pr Go	ansferred or sublet to any other gency, department or person without ior approval of the Central overnment;	It is hereby undertaken that he proposed forest land diversion will not be transferred or sublet to any other department or person without getting prior approval from Central Government. (undertaking enclosed)
Th		Agreed and Undertaking enclosed.

S.No	Observation of RO, MoEF&CC, Chennai	Reply of NHAI
	provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines for the time being in force as applicable to the project;	
23	Any other condition 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.	
24	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.	Agreed and Undertaking enclosed.
25	The State Government shall process and submit compliance report on the above condition through online (https://parivesh.nic.in/)	

As per Section 11.2 of Chapter-11- guidelines and clarification issued under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980the user agency is entitled to enter upon and working permission in the diverted forest land after making payment of levies in TNCAMPA.

Therefore, considering the importance of the early completion of this portion of highway in Reserve Forest for the effective use of the entire stretch, it is requested that enter upon and working permission may kindly be granted.

Encl:

1. All the undertaking as mentioned above.

2. Annexure-A

Yours faithfully,

(V.Nagaraj) DGM (T) &Project Director PIU, Madurai

Copy to:

- 1. Deputy Director General of Forest (central), MoEF&CC, IRO, Chennai for kind information.
- 2. The Special Secretary (Forest), Environment, Climate Change & Forest Dept., Chennai- for kind information.
- 3. The PCCF, Chennai- for kind information.
- 4. RO-Madurai for kind information.
- 5. CF, Madurai & Dindigul for kind information.

Four laning of Chettikulam - Natham section from km 7.300 to km 36.690 of NH-785 on EPC mode under Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase -I in the State of Tamil Nadu -Forest Clearance Proposal (No FP/TN/ROAD/29470/2017) for Diversion of 2.3824Ha of forest land.

Forest Clearance Proposal

UNDERTAKING

- 1. It is hereby undertake that, the legal status of the diverted forest will remain unchanged.
- 2. It is to undertake that, 4 feet high cement concrete pillars at 20m interval and numbering to demarcate the forest area and the cost will be borne by NHAI whenever requested by Forest Department.
- 3. It is to submit that, Challan has been generated on 12.01.2023 and the requisite payment of Rs. 2,87,88,816/- (Rs. 20,51,750/-towards Net Present Value(Rs.7,01,950 and Rs.13,49,800), Rs. 66,87,066/- towards Compensatory Afforestation(Rs,27,02,762 and Rs.39,84,304), Rs.2,00,50,000/- towards Mitigation Plan(Rs.1,10,00,000 and Rs.90,50,000) has been made to the TAMILNADU CAMPA as per the account details provide in the challan through RTGS with Unique Transaction Reference No.CMS0162339878034 dated 16.01.2023.
- 4. It is hereby undertaken that, the identified degraded forest area for CA purpose and CA scheme will not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government. The CA will be demarcated properly.
- 5. It is hereby undertaken that, the additional amount of NPV, if any, after revision by Hon'ble Supreme court of India in future will be remitted by NHAI whenever requested by Forest Department.
- 6. It is hereby informed that the fund is already deposited to CAMPA fund through Parivesh portal as per the direction of Forest Department/State Government.
- 7. It is hereby undertaken that, the retaining walls and Check walls wherever required by Forest Department will be constructed at the cost of NHAI.

- 8. It is hereby undertaken that, the avenue plantation will be done as per IRC: SP 21-2009 at the cost of NHAI.
- 9. It is hereby undertaken that, the trees will be felled under the strict supervision of concerned DFO's.
- 10. It is hereby undertaken that the mitigation plan duly approved by Chief Wildlife Warden shall be implemented at the project cost.
- 11. It is hereby undertaken that, the additional culvert/bridges over the natural streams/rivers/canal will be constructed in consultation with DFO, Dindigul to facilitate the free flow of water course to avoid rise of water logging and hampering the movement of Wild animals.
- 12. It is hereby undertaken that, proper slope protection for the cutting & filling will be provided in consultation with DFO, Madurai & Dindigul.
- 13. It is hereby undertaken that, the dugout material/overburden/debris will be dumped outside the forest area and no storage will be done in forest area.
- 14. It is hereby undertaken that, the proposed layout plan will not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government.
- 15. It is hereby undertaken that, no labour camp will be established inside the forest area and alternate fuel will be provided to labour to avoid damage/felling of trees.
- 16. It is hereby undertaken that disturbance shall be kept minimum by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it will be ensured that the labourers& staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna.
- 17. It is hereby undertaken that the forest area to be utilized will not exceed 2.3824 Ha (with the condition that the wherever space left for Avenue Plantation within the area of 2.3824 Ha, existing trees shall be retained and if required in view of road safety, then such trees may be pruned as per requirement with the approval of DFOs concerned and forest area proposed for future widening within 2.3824 ha, shall not be utilized for non-forestry purpose at present and whenever required for future widening,

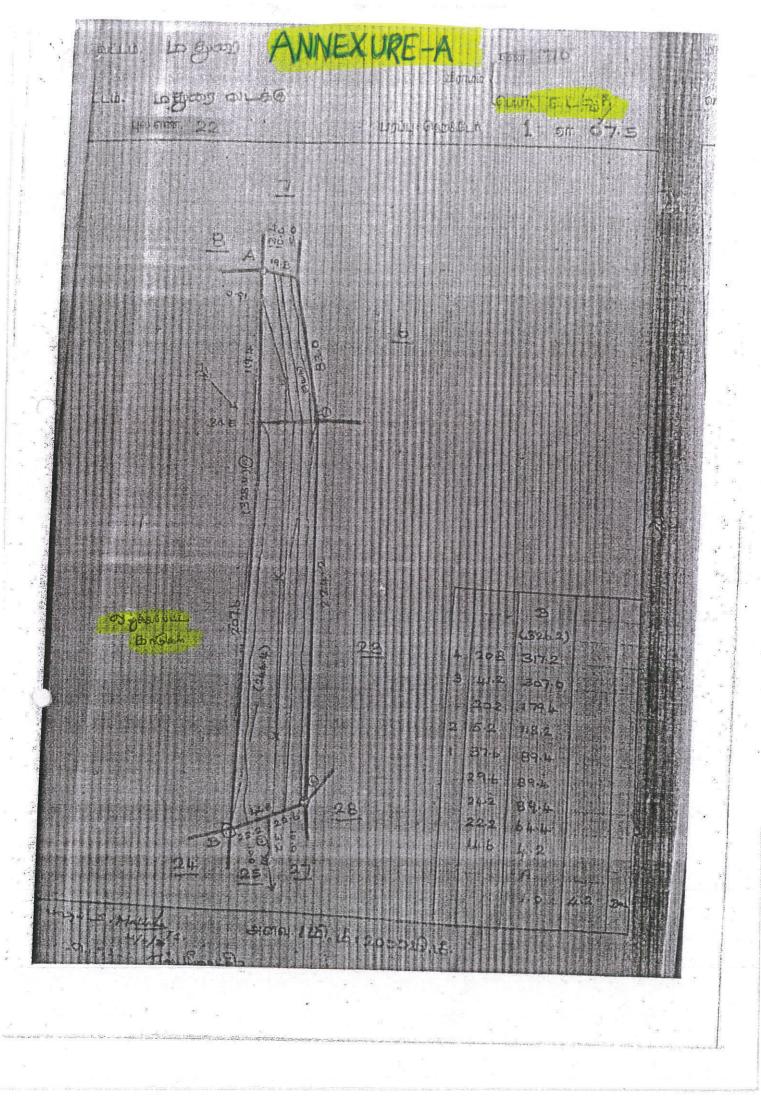
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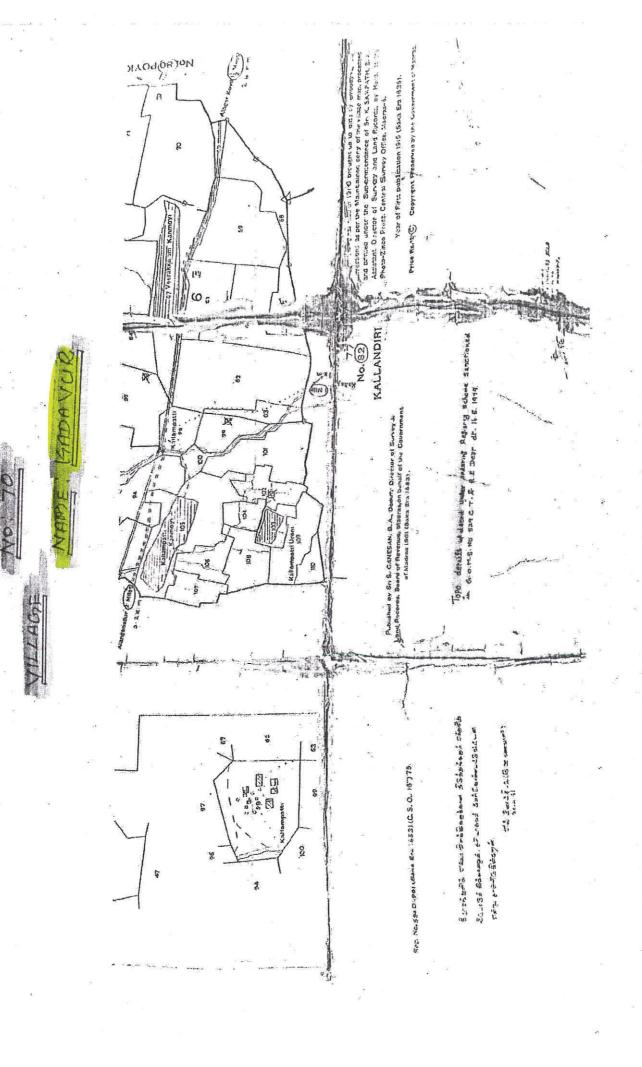
- 18. It is hereby undertaken that, the proposed forest land diversion will not be transferred or sublet to any other department or person without getting prior approval from Central Government.
- 19. It is hereby undertaken that, the NHAI will ensure compliance to provision of all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines for the time being in force as applicable to the project.
- 20. It is hereby undertaken that, any other condition 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 NHAI.
- 21. It is hereby undertaken that, 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.

Project Director

National Highways Authority of India

PIU-Madurai





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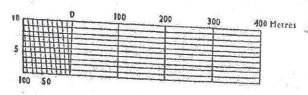
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Fields 1338 Hectares 60.0 Ares

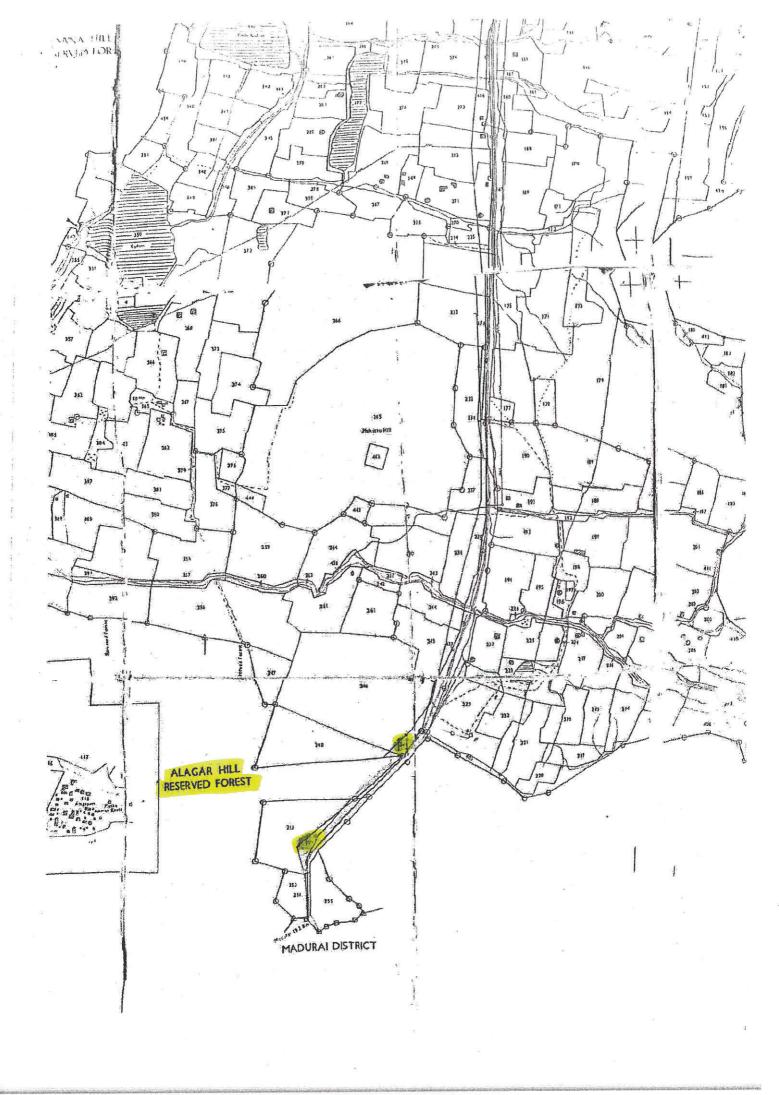
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Note: S. Nos. 1, 254 & 327 included in Reserved Forest. Note: Vide Enlargement for S. Nos. 106, 116, 198 & 311.

Survey Nos.	Name of details
13	Kundu
111 .	Peddakuttal Endal
» b	Karuppu Kovil - Oztamali River
131	Palodakkulam
142	Parall Urant
145	Puvanadi Kulam
223	Vemburall Urani
229	Forest Bungalow
277	Reita Kulam
301	Shelkdan Sahib Kulam
310	Kulam
311	Padur
318 a	Alagu Sokkar Koyll
11 b	Sulapidaral Koyll
323	Molhukuttan Endal
360	Pee Kulom





Applied Filters

Company Name	: NHAI FARO MADURAI	Financial Institution	: INDIA
Column Name	Value	Column Name	Value
Payment Source	: Manual	Product	: NEFT (INR)
Sending Account	: NHAI FARO MADURAI ,1712309189 ,INR	Effective Date	: 16/01/2023
Company Details	: Nhai faro madurai ,no 1 vijai krishna plaza Lake area melur road Mattuthavani ,madurai ,tn ,in ,625007	Amount	: 2,87,88,816.00
Payment Currency	: Indian Rupee	Host Reference	: FCM-2301162ZX1TR
Host Response	:	UTR/RRN/UETR Number	: CMS0162339878034
Days To Scrap	: 60 Days,17/03/2023	Workflow Standard	: M_AUTH INS_AUTH OKR A_CLS A_SEND AD_N
Approval Structure	:	No.Of Pending Approvals	: 0
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Cut-Off Time	: 19:15:00	Receiver Code	: TAMILNADU CAM
Debit Party Email	:	Identifier	: UBIN0996335 (IFSC)
Payment Reference	: TAMILNADU CAMPA	Bank Branch Name	: UBIN0996335 FCS BANGALORE
Rate Type	: Sheet Rate	Receiver Account Number	: 150876129470580 (CURRENT,INR)
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--End Of Report--

SUPREME COURT OF INDIA RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Writ Petition(s)(Civil) No(s).202/1995

IN RE : T.N. GODAVARMAN THIRUMULPAD

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS. & ORS.

Respondent(s)

- [1] INTERLOCUTORY APPLICATION NOS. 31095/2019,31104/2019 AND 31118/2019[APPLICATIONS FOR IMPLEADMENT, DIRECTIONS AND EXEMPTION FROM FILING OFFICIAL TRANSLATION] WITH INTERLOCUTORY APPLICATION NO. 59646/2021[APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM FILING OFFICIAL TRANSLATION IN R/O ANNEXURES FILED BY MR. SUNNY CHOUDHARY, ADV.] IN RE : REFUND OF NPV PAYMENT INTO COMPENSATORY AFFORESTATION MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING AUTHORITY (CAMPA) FUNDS AND
- [2] INTERLOCUTORY APPLICATION NOS. 160157/2021 AND 25905/2022[APPLICATIONS FOR DIRECTIONS ON BEHALF OF STATE OF H.P.] WITH INTERLOCUTORY APPLICATION NOS. 168479 AND 168463/2021[APPLICATIONS FOR IMPLEADMENT AND DIRECTIONS ON BEHALF OF SHRI. RANDEEP SINGH, APPLICANT] IN INTERLOCUTORY APPLICATION NO. 3840 (Disposed of) [APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION FOR CARRYING OUT SILVICULTURAL FELLING OF TREES] IN RE : SILVICULTURE FELLING OF TREES IN THE STATE OF HIMACHAL **PRADESHAND**
- [3] INTERLOCUTORY APPLICATION NOS. 28731, 28732 AND 28905/2022[APPLICATIONS FOR INTERVENTION, EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T. AND MODIFICATION OF COURT'S ORDER DATED 12.04.2019]IN INTERLOCUTORY APPLICATION NO. 42944/2019[APPLICATION FOR **DIRECTIONS**]
- IN RE : ILLEGAL/UNAUTHORIZED MINING IN KAZIRANGA NATIONAL PARK, **ASSAMAND**
- [4] INTERLOCUTORY APPLICATION NOS. 130445, 130448/2020 AND 130772, 130776/2020[APPLICATIONS FOR DIRECTIONS AND EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.]

IN RE : STATE OF TAMIL NADU, (DISTRICT NAMAKKAL) WITH INTERLOCUTORY APPLICATION NOS. 28062, 28063 AND 28064/2022[APPLICATIONS FOR INTERVENTION, DIRECTIONS AND EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.]

Sign**in-Re** : Bodhamalāi Village Panchayat (District Namakkal, Tamil Digital VE U) AND

30228/2022[APPLICATIONS FOR INTERVENTION, DIRECTIONS AND EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.]

IN RE : BODHAMALĀI VILLAGE PANCHAYAT (DISTRICT NAMAKKAL, TAMIL NADU)IN WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) NO. 202/1995

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following O R D E R

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I.A.No. 31095/2019, 31104/2019 AND 31118/2019:

List next week.

I.A.No.25905 Of 2021:

This application has been filed by the State of Himachal Pradesh to relax the restrictions imposed on diversion of forest land under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 ('FCA') and under the Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 ('FRA) vide order dated 11.03.2019 with the following prayers:

(a) relax the restrictions imposed on

diversion of forest land under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and under the Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, vide order dated 11.03.2019.

- (b) allow the State of Himachal Pradesh to issue formal orders for diversion of forest land under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for construction of 16 projects mentioned in para 8 supra and detailed in Annexure A-5 and all other projects that may be envisaged by the State in future in accordance with the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 or other statutes governing the field.
- To allow the State of Himachal Pradesh to issue formal orders for diversion of forest land under Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) 2006 for construction of 263 projects Act, mentioned in para 9 supra and detailed Annexure A-6 and all other projects that may be envisaged by the State in future in accordance with the provisions of Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition Forest Rights) Act, 2006 or other governing the field.

(b), the details of which have been given in para 8 of the application, have been approved by FCA. The learned Amicus Curiae Mr. A.D.N. Rao submits that permission can be granted for construction of these 16 projects. In respect of prayer clause (c) which pertains to granting of permission under FRA for construction of 262 projects detailed out in para 9 of the application, the learned Amicus Curiae submitted that permission sought by the State of Himachal Pradesh can be granted subject to an undertaking being filed by the State regarding compensatory afforestation for the area of 191.4121 hectres that requires to be diverted for the said projects.

Permission sought for diversion of the forest land under FCA for construction of 16 projects as mentioned in Para 8 and prayer clause (b), and under FRA for construction of 263 projects mentioned in para 9 and prayer clause (c) is granted subject to the State filing the aforementioned undertaking within a period of four weeks from today.

I.A. No. 168479 AND 168463/2021

Adjourned. MOEF to file a response to the applications in the meanwhile.

IA No.28905/2022:

Mr. Nalin Kohli, learned Additional Advocate General appearing for the State of Assam submits that a draft notification on the issue was approved by the Cabinet yesterday. The State of Assam is directed to file an affidavit explaining the steps taken so far, after this Court passed the Order dated 12.04.2019.

List after one week.

IA 30227/2022 and IA 28062 & 20676 of 2021:

The CEC is directed to examine these applications for felling of trees in reserve forests and submit a report accordingly.

List after 10 days.

IA Nos. 20662 AND 20676/2021:

These applications are filed by the National Highway Authority of India seeking permission to fell 170 trees in Kiluramala Reserve Forest of Palagur Village in Madurai North and 77 trees in Alagarmalai Reserve Forest in Dindigal Forest.

Having heard Mr. P.V. Yogeswaran, learned counsel appearing for the applicant and Mr. A.D.N. Rao, learned Amicus Curiae, we are of the opinion

that these applications deserve to be allowed.

Therefore, the applications are allowed subject to the applicant obtaining all statutory clearances, as required.

IA Nos.2180 & 2186/2021:

These applications filed by NHAI seeking permission to fell 455 trees in Chinnyampatti Karadu Reserve Forest Block at Kottaiyur Village in Natham Taluk, Dindigal District from Nadumandalam Reserve Forest for the purpose of laying 4 lane road are allowed after considering the submissions made on behalf of the applicant and learned Amicus Curiae. The applications are allowed subject to the applicant obtaining all statutory clearances, as required.

IA No. 1553/2021:

Vide Report No. 13 of 2021, the CEC has recommended for grant of permission for diversion of 80,937 sq.mts. of Morphological Ridge area in Southern Ridge for constructing a campus of School of Planning and Architecture at Vasant Kunj Institutional Area, New Delhi subject to certain conditions. School of Planning and Architecture, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi is willing to abide by the conditions stated in Report No.13 of 2021.

Subject to the compliance of the said conditions, this application is allowed.

<u>IA Nos.9110 & 9113/2022; and IA 52897/2021 and IA 47820/2021:</u>

Adjourned.

(B.Parvathi) Court Master (Geeta Ahuja) Court Master (Anand Prakash) Court Master ITEM NO.803

COURT NO.5

SECTION PIL-W

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Writ Petition(s)(Civil) No(s).202/1995

IN RE: T.N. GODAVARMAN THIRUMULPAD

Petitioner(s)

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Respondent(s)

Date: 24-03-2022 This petition was mentioned today.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE L. NAGESWARA RAO HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE B.R. GAVAI

UPON being mentioned the Court made the following O R D E R

I.A.Nos.15261, 15262 and 15264

I.A.No.2180/2021, I.A.No.2186/2021

I.A.No.20662/2021, I.A.No.20676/2021

I.A.No.41909 of 2022

List these I.As alongwith I.As in W.P(C) 202/1995.

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