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सेवा में/To,

The Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of Tamil Nadu,
Environment, Climate Change & Forests Department,
Secretariat, Fort St. George, Chennai - 600 009.

विषय/Subject: Diversion of 4.61 ha of forest land in Kesarkuli RF and Thirumalvadi Reserved Land for formation of road from Seenkadu to Allakatu via Erimalai Village in Dharmapuri Forest Division in Dharmapuri District in favour of the Block Development Officer (BP), Pennagaram Union, Pennagaram, Dharmapuri District- Reg.

महोदया/Madam,

Please refer to the State Government's letter Nos.5141781/FR.10/2023-2 dated 07.12.2023, 5141781/FR.10/2023-6 dated 03.03.2025 and online proposal No.FP/TN/ROAD/37291/2018, seeking prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of forest land in accordance with Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for the above-mentioned project.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am hereby directed to convey the Central Government's **In-principle approval (Stage-I)** under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, for the diversion of 4.61 ha of forest land in Kesarkuli RF and Thirumalvadi Reserved Land for formation of road from Seenkadu to Allakatu via Erimalai Village in Dharmapuri Forest Division in

Dharmapuri District in favour of the Block Development Officer (BP), Pennagaram Union, Pennagaram, Dharmapuri District for a period of 20 years, subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- (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;
- (iii) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring **4.61ha** 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-I) dated 06.01.2022 and clarification issued vide letter dated 19.01.2022 and 22.03.2022;
- (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 the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;
- (v) 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/>);
- (vi) The identified non-forest land in-lieu of this proposal having an extent of **9.92 ha in SF No. 692/6 of in No. 18 in Kammampatty Village of Nallampalli Taluk in Dharmapuri District** 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 Indian Forest Act, 1927, or under the relevant section of the State Forest Act as the case may be, will be submitted by the State Government prior to Stage-II approval;
- (vii) The State Forest Department shall carryout Compensatory Afforestation (CA) over **20 ha of degraded forest area identified in Kavaramalai Extension RF of Morappur Range of Dharmapuri Forest Division**, at the cost of the User Agency;
- (viii) Identified CA area and CA scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government;

- (ix) **NBWL Clearance applicable if any, to be obtained from the competent authority and same shall be ensured by the State Govt. before execution of project work.**
- (x) The User Agency shall construct retaining walls and check walls wherever required, by consulting the DFO concerned, at the project cost;
- (xi) 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;
- (xii) Concurrence of the Regional Office, Chennai in compliance with the judgment pronounced by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in its order dated 16.01.2023 in IA No. 168320/2022 and 168313/2022 in Writ Petition(s) (Civil) Nos202/1995 between T.N.Godavarman Thirumulpad & Union of India, is hereby conveyed for felling of 124 numbers of trees of spontaneous.
- (xiii) Even though 124 trees of spontaneous origin is marked for felling, the User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department;
- (xiv) 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;
- (xv) The dug-out material / overburden shall be dumped outside the forest area. Storage of any material shall not be done in the forest area;
- (xvi) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- (xvii) 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;
- (xviii) 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;

- (xix) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **4.61ha** 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;**
- (xx) 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;
- (xxi) 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;
- (xxii) Any other conditions that the Central Government or Regional Officer (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;
- (xxiii) 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 Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980;
- (xxiv) The State Government shall process and submit compliance report on the above conditions through online (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>);

After receipt of the compliance report on above mentioned conditions, the proposal will be considered for final approval. Where compliance of condition imposed in the 'In-principle' approval is awaited from the State Government, as the case may be, for more than two years, the 'In-Principle' approval shall be deemed to be null and void.

आपका विश्वासी/Yours faithfully,

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4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Forest Department, Guindy Velachery Main Road, Guindy, Chennai - 32.
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