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ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE
& FORESTS(FR.10) DEPARTMENT,
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Letter No.140/FR.10/2022-1, Dated :28.02.2022

From
Tmt.Supriya Sahu, IAS.,
Additional Chief Secretary to Government.

To
✓ The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Department),
Chennai-15.

Sir,

Sub: Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Vellore Forest Circle/
Tiruvannamalai Forest Division – Diversion of 0.25 ha of forest
land in Pennaiyar RF for widening from Intermediate lane to two
lanes and construction of three culverts for strengthening of
Sathanur Dam Road in Tiruvannamalai District in favour of
Divisional Engineer, Highways (C&M), Tiruvannamalai - State
Government's in-principle (State-I) approval – Accorded.

Ref: From Principal Chief Conservator of Forests letter
No:TS3/23610/2021, dated: 03.01.2022.

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With reference to your letter cited, I am directed to convey the Government's in-principle approval (Stage-I) under Section-2 of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.25 ha of forest land in Pennaiyar Reserved Forest for the widening from Intermediate lane to Two lanes (Existing 5.50 m width and widening on left side to a width of 1.50 m) and construction of three culverts of 12m(l)x2.0m(w) for strengthening of Sathanur Dam Road at km 3/4 to 5/0 in Tiruvannamalai District, in favour of Divisional Engineer, Highways (Construction & Maintenance), Tiruvannamalai for a period of 25 years, under general approval category as per the provisions of guidelines under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, subject to the following conditions:-

- a) The legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
- b) The demarcation of the proposed forest land shall be carried out by the User Agency by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at their cost.
- c) The User Agency has to pay the amount of Net Present Value, which will be fixed as per the guidelines of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
- d) The User Agency has to bear the additional amount of Net Present Value, which will be fixed as per the guidelines of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India as fixed by Forest Department in future.
- e) Amount of Net Present Value of forest area under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority fund only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).
- f) The User Agency has to pay the cost towards annual lease rent as fixed by the Forest Department at the time of sanction, along with any escalation for the forest land to be diverted for the above project in future for the entire project period.

g) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.25 ha, comprising the forest area to a length of 1600 m and 1.50 m width in addition to the existing road portion of 5.50 m width.

h) Speed regulating signage and information board on diversion of forest area shall be erected along the road at regular intervals at the cost of User Agency.

i) The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies/ department or person without prior approval of State Government.

j) The User Agency shall be responsible for any loss to Flora and Fauna in the surroundings and shall take all possible measures to conserve the same.

k) The forest land shall not be used for any other purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.

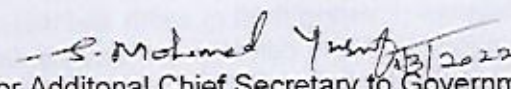
l) Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violations of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per rules in force.

m) Any other conditions that the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forests and Wildlife.

n) Period of lease can be twenty five (25) years. The User Agency has to apply renewal proposal before one year of expiry of lease with the State Forest Department.

2. I am also to inform you that only after receipt of the compliance report on above mentioned conditions, the proposal will be considered for final approval and transfer of protected land to User Agency shall not be effected prior to the issue of final approval. Further, this in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 5 years and in the event of non compliance of the above conditions, this in-principle approval shall automatically stand revoked after 5 years.

Yours faithfully,


for Additional Chief Secretary to Government
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