



ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE
& FOREST(FR.10) DEPARTMENT,
SECRETARIAT, CHENNAI 9.

Letter No: 12102/ FR.10/2021-1, dated: 20.09.2021

From
Tmt.Supriya Sahu, IAS.,
Principal 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 – Proposal for diversion of 0.40 ha of forest land in Patrakadu and Veerappanur Reserved Forests for construction of retaining wall in various places of Polur-Jamunamarathur-Alangayam-Vaniyambadi road from km 33/2 to 36/10 (SH-215) in Tiruvannamalai District in favour of Divisional Engineer, Highways (Construction and Maintenance), Tiruvannamalai District – Stage-I approval - Communicated - Regarding.

Ref: From the Principal Chief Conservator Forests letter No.TS3/4454/2020, dated 14.07.2021.

With reference to your letter cited, I am directed to convey the Government's in-principal approval (Stage-I) under Section 2 of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.40 ha of forest area (0.2428 ha in Pattarakkadu Reserved Forests and 0.1614 ha in Veerappanur Reserved Forests) in Tiruvannamalai Forest Division for construction of retaining wall in various places of Polur-Jamunamarathur-Alangayam-Vaniyambadi road from km 33/2 to 36/10 (SH-215) in Tiruvannamalai District, in favour of Divisional Engineer, Highways (Construction and Maintenance), Tiruvannamalai District for a period of 25 years, under general approval category as per the provisions made in the new hand book of guidelines under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, subject to the following conditions:-

- i. The legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
- ii. 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 metres at their cost.

- iii. 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.
- iv. 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.
- v. The User Agency has to pay the cost towards lease rent as fixed by the Forest Department at the time of sanction along with any escalation for the forest land to be diverted of the above project in future for the entire project period.
- vi. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.40 ha.
- vii. 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,

S. Mohamed Yusef
For Principal Secretary to Government
21/9/2011

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No.34, Cathedral Garden Road,
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The District Collector,
Tiruvannamalai District-606 604.
✓ The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA),
Chennai-15.
The District Forest Officer,
Tiruvannamalai District -606 701.
The Conservator of Forests,
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Vellore-632 009.
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