



## ABSTRACT

Forests – Forest(Conservation)Act, 1980 – Diversion of 0.063 ha. of forest land in Karumalai Reserve Forest – For formation of black top road from Vellimalai Village to Oduvanpatti passing through Karumalai Reserve Forest – In favour of Block Development Officer, Kottampatti, Madurai District – Under Section 2 of Forest(Conservation)Act, 1980 – Orders – Issued.

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### Environment and Forests (FR.10) Department

G.O.(Ms) No.140

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Read :

1. From the Assistant Inspector General of Forests, Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change(Forest Conservation) Division Letter No.11-9/98-FC, dated 13.02.2014.
2. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Letter No.TS4/36403/ 2015, dated 17.08.2016.

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### ORDER:

In the letter second read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has stated that the Block Development Officer, Kottampatti, Madurai has furnished online application under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in the prescribed format of Form A - Part I for diversion of 0.063 ha of forest land in Karumalai Reserved Forests for formation of black topped road from Vellimalai Village to Oduvanpatti passing through Karumalai vide their letter dated 27.11.2014 and requested for diversion of forest land therein. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has further stated that the User Agency (i.e. Block Development Officer, Kottampatti) has stated that the proposed formation of Black topped road lies in the foot hills of the Karumalai Reserved Forest in Madurai Range in Madurai Forest Division. The type of forest is Tropical thorny / scrubs Forests and the User Agency has uploaded the necessary certificates / undertakings along with the online proposal.

2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has also stated that the District Forest Officer, has recommended the proposal with marking of 180 m length by 3.5 m width of black topped road in Karumalai Reserve Forest coming Madurai Forest in Part II of Form A of online. The Conservator of Forests inspected the site proposed for forming black top road from Vellimalai village to Oduvanpatti passing through Karumalai Reserved Forests with District Forest Officer, Madurai on 15.02.2016. The length and width proposed inside the Karumalai Reserved Forests is 180 M and 3.50 M respectively. The wildlife in this area is found to be very low and the area spots southern Tropical thorn scrubs Forests. The distance and width sought for are barest minimum only. Hence, the Conservator of Forests has recommended in Part III format of this proposal.

3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has further stated that the proposal is sent duly recommended in the Part IV format proposal by the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation Act) / Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. As per the guidelines issued under Forest (Conservation) Act 1980, in Government of India letter dated 13.02.2014, General approval under Section 2 of the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 for diversion of Forest land to Government departments for roads has been accorded subject to the conditions that the Forest land to be diverted for the Developmental works should be less than 1.00 ha. and no felling of more than 50 trees/ha. should be involved. Moreover, the Nodal Officer of the Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has also recommended the proposal in Part IV of the format proposal.

4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has therefore recommended the proposal for diversion of 0.063 ha. of forest land in Karumalai Reserved Forest in formation of black topped road in favour of the Block Development Officer, Kottampatti, Madurai subject to the conditions stipulated in Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, New Delhi letter 11-9/98-FC, dated 13.02.2014, as this proposal for forming Black topped road (length of the proposed black topped road is 180 meters and width is 3.5 meters) from Vellimalai Village to Oduvanpatti passing through Karumalai Reserve Forest and for the diversion of 0.063 ha. of forest land is less than 1.00 ha. and requirement of felling of planted Usil (Albizzia Amara) trees is 4 nos. only and the lease amount is Rs.260/- per annum and the Block Development Officer, Kottampatti, Madurai may be asked to remit the annual lease rent for an initial period of five years and approval for this project may be accorded by the State Government itself. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has therefore requested that the approval be accorded to the Block Development Officer, Kottampatti, Madurai for diversion of 0.063 ha. of forest land in Karumalai Reserved Forest of Madurai division of forming block topped road from Vellimalai Village to Oduvanpatti and the exploitation cost of Rs.5400/- may be collected from the user agency.

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5. According to the Government of India guidelines issued in Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, vide their letter F.No.11-9/98-FC, dated 13.02.2014 in the letter first read above, road projects have been identified under general approval under Section 2 of Forest(Conservation)Act, 1980 and the State Government may grant permission under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation)Act, 1980.

6. The Government have examined the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests in detail and accordingly direct for diversion of 0.063 ha. of forest land in Karumalai Reserve Forests for formation of black topped road ( Length of the proposed Black topped Road is 180 meters and width is 3.5 meters) from Vellimalai Village to Oduvanpatti passing through Karumalai Reserve Forests in favour of Block Development Officer, Kottampatti, Madurai for a lease period of five years and the lease amount is Rs.260/- p.a. Moreover, the exploitation cost of Rs.5400/- has to be collected from the User Agency. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests is also requested to incorporate any other conditions which are necessary for the above said diversion of forest land and to take action accordingly and send a report to Government in due course.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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The Block Development Officer, Kottampatti, Madurai.  
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