



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

Letter No: 21898/FR.10/2021-1, dated. 09.02.2022

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 – Chennai Circle / Tiruvallur Forest Division – Diversion of 0.8514 ha of forest land in Erumaivettipalayam RF for upgradation of road from GNT road to New Erumaivettipalayam km 2/350-4/150 through Erumaivettipalayam RF to a length of 1523 m and triangle portion base length of 50m for 5.50 m width road formation (BT surface and shoulder width) in Tiruvallur District area in favour of Divisional Engineer, Highways, Construction and Maintenance, Tiruvallur - State Government's in-principle approval (**Stage-I**) – Accorded.

Ref: Your letter No. No. TS3/3483/2020, dated 03.12.2021.

With reference to your letter cited, I am directed to convey the State Government's in-principle approval (**Stage-I**) under Section 2 of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.8514 ha of forest land in Erumaivettipalayam RF for upgradation of road from GNT road to New Erumaivettipalayam km 2/350-4/150 through Erumaivettipalayam RF to a length of 1523 m and triangle portion base length of 50m for 5.50 m width road formation (BT surface and shoulder width) in Tiruvallur District area in favour of Divisional Engineer, Highways, Construction and Maintenance, Tiruvallur for the period of 20 years under general approval category as per the provisions made in the new hand book of guidelines under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Critical development initiatives for public utility, subject to the following conditions:-

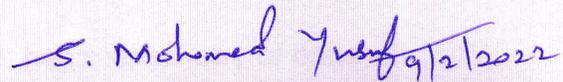
- The legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
- The demarcation of the proposed forest land shall be carried out by the User Agency by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at their cost.
- Full fledged chain link fencing shall be erected on either side of the road to prevent trespassing into Reserved Forest by miscreants as road is cutting through middle of the Reserved Forest by the User Agency at their cost and responsibility lies with the User Agency for its further maintenance during the project diversion period.
- 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.
- 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.

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- f) Amount of Net Present Value of forest area under the project shall be transferred / deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>)
- g) 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 of the above project in future for the entire project period.
- h) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.8514 ha comprising the forest area to a length of 1523 m and triangle portion base length of 50m for 5.50m width road formation (BT surface and shoulder width)
- i) Speed regulating signage and information board on diversion of forest area shall be erected along the road at regular intervals by the User Agency.
- j) The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under any circumstances not to be transferred to any other agencies/department or person without prior approval of State Government.
- k) 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.
- l) 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.
- m) Period of lease can be twenty (20) 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 the 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. This in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 5 years from the date of issue of this letter. Further, in the event of non-compliance of the above conditions, this in-principle approval shall automatically be revoked as per Rules made under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Yours faithfully



for Additional Chief Secretary to Government

Copy to:-

The Divisional Engineer, H (C&M),
Tiruvallur Division, Tiruvallur District – 602 001.
The Deputy Director General of Forests (Central),
Government of India,
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change,
Integrated Regional Office, 1st Floor, Additional Office Block for GPOA,
Shastri Bhawan, Haddows Road,
Nungambakkam, Chennai-600 006.
The District Collector, Tiruvallur.
The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA),
Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai-15.
The District Forest Officer,
Tiruvallur Forest Division, Tiruvallur.
The Chief Conservator of Forests,
Chennai Circle, Chennai.
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