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Date 08<sup>th</sup> March, 201708<sup>th</sup>

To,

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

Subject: Diversion of 0.528 ha of forest land in Gramam Reserve Forests in Villupuram Forest Division in favour of the Divisional Engineer (Highways), NABARD & Rural Roads Division, Cuddalore for construction of high level Bridge-reg

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No.10296/FR-10/2016-2 dated 16.08.2016 and online Proposal No FP/TN/ROAD/14528/2015 seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above mentioned project.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am hereby directed to convey Central Government's approval in-principle (*Stage-I*) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Diversion of 0.528 ha of forest land in Gramam Reserve Forests in Villupuram Forest Division in favour of the Divisional Engineer (Highways), NABARD & Rural Roads Division, Cuddalore for construction of high level Bridge, subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
- (ii) The 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 User Agency.
- (iii) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring 0.528 ha from 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.

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- (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 User Agency.
- (v) The funds received from the User Agency towards Compensatory Afforestation and Net Present Value under this project shall be deposited in the respective bank account of the Tamil Nadu State CAMPA. The User Agency shall compulsorily deposit the CA and other levies only by generating challan through the Ministry's website.
- (vi) Avenue plantation with 200 numbers of indigenous species shall be carried out along the entry and exit points of the proposed bridge at the cost of user agency.
- (vii) The muck generated in the earth cutting if any, will be disposed off at designated dumping sites and in no case the muck/debris will be disposed off in the forest areas.
- (viii) The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.
- (ix) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
- (x) Original copy of the RoFR certificate or copy of the RoFR certificate duly attested with official seal of the concerned competent authority shall be furnished.
- (xi) Minimal disturbance should be ensured by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it will be the responsibility of the UA to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna.
- (xii) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.528 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal.
- (xiii) 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.
- (xiv) Any other conditions that the Central Government or Addl. PCCF(Central) of Regional Office, Chennai may impose from time to time in the interest of

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afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the user agency.

- (xv) The Progress of the Compensatory Afforestation as mentioned by the DFO, Villupuram in Sl No 14 of part II of the online proposal i.e. in forest land 21.14 ha and non forest land 124.539 ha shall be monitored by the Circle Head and a copy of such monitoring report shall be forwarded to the Regional Office to upload the same in the web portal.
- (xvi) In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the user agency is liable for penal action as decided by the Additional PCCF (Central), Regional Office, Chennai.
- (xvii) The progress of work in the uploading of proposals under general category prior to 2014 in to the web portal, reconciliation of FC cases since 1980 and completion of annexures is very slow in the State of Tamil Nadu. It is informed that unless it is carried out immediately and in a fixed time frame, the entire mechanism of clearing forest proposals pertaining to State of Tamil Nadu would be disturbed.

After receipt of the compliance report on above mentioned conditions, the proposal will be considered for final approval. Transfer of forest 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. In the event of noncompliance of the above conditions, this in-principle approval shall automatically stand revoked after 5 years.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Dr.K.Ganesh Kumar)

Deputy Conservator of Forests (Central)


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1. The Director General of Forests & Special Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi - 110 003.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Forest Department, No.1, Jeenis Road, Panagal Building, Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015.
3. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Forest Department, No.1, Jeenis Road, Panagal Building, Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015.
4. The Director, RO(HQ) Division, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi - 110 003.

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5. The Divisional Engineer, Highways Department, NABARD & Rural roads,  
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