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To

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

**Subject: Diversion of 1.52 ha of forest land recorded in Revenue records as un-assessed waste-Forest Range land which defined as Forests in Ayaranapalli Village, Soolagiri Taluk of Kelamangalam road to TATA Electronic Company KM 0/00-0/812 through the forest area of Hosur Forest Division area in Krishnagiri District in favour of Block Development Officer, Soolagiri Union, Krishnagiri District - Reg**

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letters Nos. 3277/FR.10/2022-1 dated 06.04.2022 and 3277/FR.10/2022-2 dated 18.11.2022 and online application No. FP/TN/ROAD/144777/2021 seeking prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of forest land in accordance with Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above mentioned project.

After careful consideration of the proposal submitted by the State Government and considering the importance of the project, I am directed to convey the Central Government's in principle approval (**Stage-I**) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the diversion of **1.52 ha** of forest land recorded in Revenue records as un-assessed waste-Forest Range land which defined as Forests in Ayaranapalli Village, Soolagiri Taluk of Kelamangalam road to TATA Electronic Company KM 0/00-0/812 through the forest area of Hosur Forest Division area in Krishnagiri District in favour of Block Development Officer, Soolagiri Union, Krishnagiri District, **for a period of 20 years**, subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;

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- (ii) 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 the User Agency;
- (iii) **As proposed by the State Government, the entire non forest area over an extent of 5.80 ha. (i.e. 3.04 ha in lieu of the forest area proposed for diversion under instant proposal and 2.76 ha for any future proposal for diversion of forest land) identified in SF.No. 467A/2 of Sanamavu Village of Shoolagiri Taluk in Krishnagiri District shall be transfer and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department;**
- (iv) **As the non forest area identified for the CA purpose which is reportedly frequented by wild elephants, it is not advisable to carryout plantation in such non forest area. Hence, the State Forest Department may carry out SMC works, if required in the non forest area and required number of plants for the purpose of Compensatory Afforestation may be raised in the nearby degraded forest area. The details like area, DGPS map, kml, CA scheme with 10 years maintenance, suitability certificate for such DFL area may be submitted along with the compliance report;**
- (v) **Entire non-forest land identified over an extent of 5.80 ha. (i.e. 3.04 Ha in lieu of the forest area proposed for diversion under instant proposal and 2.76 ha for any future proposal for diversion of forest land) in SF.No. 467A/2 of Sanamavu Village of Shoolagiri Taluk in Krishnagiri District for raising compensatory afforestation shall be notified as RF/ PF before issue of the Stage-II clearance. Copy of such notification shall be submitted along with the compliance report;**
- (vi) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring **1.52 ha** from the 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 and Ministry's guideline No. 5-3/2011-FC(Vol-I) dated 06.01.2022 and clarification issued vide letter dated 19.01.2022 and 22.03.2022
- (vii) 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 the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;

- (viii) All the funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>) ;
- (ix) The User Agency shall construct retaining walls and check walls wherever required, by consulting the DFO concerned, at the project cost;
- (x) The User Agency shall carryout avenue plantation and its maintenance on sides of the road at the cost of the project;
- (xi) **No tree felling shall be carried out in the forest area;**
- (xii) **Suitable Wildlife mitigation plan may be implemented at the cost of the project;**
- (xiii) Construction of culverts / bridges, if any, over the natural streams/ rivers/canals shall be done in such a manner that it does not hamper the natural course of water, does not give rise to water-logging, and also does not hamper movement of wild animals. **The pillars, if necessary to be constructed in the river, then proper precaution may be taken to ensure that it does not hamper the natural course of water;**
- (xiv) Roadside cuttings and fillings which require engineering support shall be provided as per the instructions of the DFO concerned so as to stabilize the soil;
- (xv) The dug out material / overburden shall be dumped outside the forest area. Storage of any material shall not be done in the forest area;
- (xvi) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- (xvii) The User Agency shall provide fire wood preferably alternate fuel to labourers working at the site to avoid damage/tree felling and no labour camp shall be established inside the forest area;
- (xviii) Disturbance shall be kept minimum by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it shall be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the labourers &

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staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna;

- (xix) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **1.52 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;
- (xx) The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;
- (xxi) The 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;
- (xxii) Any other conditions that the Central Government or Regional Officer (Central) of Integrated Regional Office, Chennai may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the User Agency;
- (xxiii) In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as per the rules / guidelines issued under FCA, 1980; The State Government shall process and submit compliance report on the above conditions through online (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>);

After receipt of the compliance report on above mentioned conditions, the proposal will be considered for final approval. This in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 5 years from the date of issue of this letter. In the event of non-compliance of the above conditions, this in-principle approval shall automatically stand revoked after 5 years.

Yours faithfully,

**Sd/-**

**(K.Karthikeyan)**

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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