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To,

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

Subject: Diversion of 0.9 ha of forest land in Seemakottai Extension RF of Cuddalore division for widening of road from Single lane to Double lane and improvement of Vridhachalam to Kattuckudalore road from km 10/6 to 11/6 in Cuddalore District in favour of Assistant Divisional Engineer, Highways, Construction and Maintenance Sub Division, Vridhachalam, Cuddalore District- **Reg.**

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter Nos. 7205743/FR.10/2023-1 dated 19.08.2024 and online proposal No.FP/TN/ROAD/150630/2021, seeking prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of forest land in accordance with Section 2(1)(ii) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for the above mentioned project.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am directed to convey the Central Government's **In-principle approval (Stage-I)** under Section 2 (1) (ii) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, for diversion of 0.9 ha of forest land in Seemakottai

Extension RF of Cuddalore division for widening of road from Single lane to Double lane and improvement of Vridhachalam to Kattuckudalore road from km 10/6 to 11/6 in Cuddalore District in favour of Assistant Divisional Engineer, Highways, Construction and Maintenance Sub Division, Vridhachalam, Cuddalore District, **for a period of 20 years**, subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- (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) The User Agency shall transfer online, the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted under this proposal, as per the guideline issued by Ministry vide letter No.5-3/2011-FC (Vol-I) dated 06/01/2022. The requisite funds shall be transferred through online portal into CAMPA account of the State Concerned;
- (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 the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;
- (v) 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/>) ;
- (vi) **The State Forest Department shall raise plantation of 100 seedlings in 0.9 ha of degraded forest area in Kattumayillur in Vridhachalam Range of Cuddalore Division and maintain it for 10 years at the cost of the project;**
- (vii) The User Agency shall construct retaining walls and check walls wherever required, by consulting the DFO concerned, at the project cost;
- (viii) 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;
- (ix) **No tree felling shall be carried out by the User Agency;**