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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 3.708 ha in Chinnayampattikaradu RF of Natham-
Thuvarankurichi (NH-785 extension) traverse through Natham Taluk of
Dindigul District in favour of National Highways Authority of India,
Dindigul- Reg**

Madam,

Please refer to the State Government's letter Nos. 17780/FR.10/2020-1 dated 08.02.2021 and 17780/FR.10/2022-5 dated 18.04.2022 online proposal No. FP/TN/ROAD/37330/2018 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 of the State Government, I am to convey the Central Government's in principle approval (**Stage-I**) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 3.708 ha in Chinnayampattikaradu RF of Natham-Thuvarankurichi (NH-785 extension) traverse through Natham Taluk of Dindigul District in favour of National Highways Authority of India, Dindigul, for a period of **twenty 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 State Forest Department shall carryout plantation of indigenous tree species and its maintenance over an extent **8.00 ha** of degraded forest area in Chinnayampattikaradu RF, at the cost of the User Agency;

- (iv) The identified degraded forest area for CA purpose and CA scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government. The CA land shall be demarcated properly;
- (v) As proposed, plantation of Thirugukalli (*Euphorbia Spp.*) and Kiluvai (*Commiphora caudata*) and other suitable species may be planted in the Chinnayampattikaradu RF to make RF a suitable habitat for Slender loris species.;
- (vi) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring 3.708 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;
- (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 trees of spontaneous origin shall be felled as per the orders of CEC/ Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, passed on 24.03.2022 in the IA Nos 2180 & 2186/2021 in WP 202/1995. Trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of DFO concerned. The trees (both spontaneous / planted) existing in the forest area over an extent of 1.0506 ha (within 3.708 ha) earmarked for space for avenue plantation shall not be felled. The tree felling may be carried out in phased manner as suggested / recommended in the wildlife mitigation plan;
- (x) The State Government may carryout habitat improvement activities in the Chinnayampattikaradu RF to ensure lesser / minimal impact on wild animals (in specific to Slender loris) due to widening of the road. These activities may be carried out from the amount to be realized towards Net Present Value (NPV) under the subject project. The DFO may be instructed to prepare APO accordingly;
- (xi) As per the kml file of the forest area proposed for diversion, part of the existing RoW road is not falls in the forest area proposed for diversion. Hence, such left out old road shall be dismantled and restore the area

