



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

**Letter No.14803/ FR.10/2021-1, dated: 13.12.2021**

From  
Tmt.Supriya Sahu, IAS.,  
Principal Secretary to Government.

To  
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Department),  
Chennai-15.

Sir,

Sub: Forests - Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Thanjavur Circle/  
Nagapattinam Division - Proposal for diversion of 0.48 ha of forest  
land in Pudupattinam Bit-I RF for formation of road and bridge at  
km 3/434 to 4/074 in Thandavankulam to Nadukottayamedu Road  
in favour of the Assistant Engineer, Kollidam RD Panchayat Union,  
Nagapattinam District – Stage-I approval issued - Regarding.

Ref: Your Letter No.TS4/15109/2020, dated 25.08.2021.

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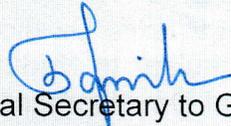
With reference to your letter cited, I am directed to convey the Government's in-principle approval (Stage-I) under Section-2 of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.48 ha forest land in Pudupattinam Bit-I Reserved Forest of Nagapattinam Wildlife Division, for formation of road and bridge at km 3/434 to 4/074 in Thandavankulam to Nadukottayamedu Road, in favour of the Assistant Engineer, Kollidam Rural Development Panchayat Union, Nagapattinam District for a period of 20 years under the General approval Category for critical public utility and welfare projects, subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged and shall remain as Reserved Forests.
- (ii) The demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet height cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 mts at the cost of User Agency.
- (iii) The User Agency shall pay the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest area at the rates stipulated by the Ministry of Environment and Forests from time to time, as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court Order dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos. 826 in 566 with related IAs in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995.
- (iv) The fund from the User Agency towards Net Present Value (NPV) under this project shall be deposited by generating challan from the Ministry's Online web portal. UTR number and date should be furnished.

- (v) The 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 the effect.
- (vi) The User Agency shall be responsible for any loss to Flora and Fauna in the surroundings and shall take all possible measures to conserve the same.
- (vii) The forest land shall not be used for any other purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
- (viii) The lease rent should be realized from the User Agency as per G.O.(Ms).No.272, Environment and Forests (FR.8) Department, dated 15.04.1991.
- (ix) The period of lease is 20 years.
- (x) The User Agency should send renewal proposal one year before expiry of lease.
- (xi) The Conservator of Forests and Wildlife Warden may impose any other condition in the interest of conservation / protection land development of forests.

2. I am also to inform you that only after receipt of the compliance report on 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. Further, this in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 5 years and in the event of non compliance of the above conditions, this in-principle approval shall automatically stand revoked after 5 years.

Yours faithfully,

  
for Principal Secretary to Government

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The District Collector,  
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The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA),  
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The Wildlife Warden,  
Nagapattinam District .  
The Conservator of Forests,  
Thanjavur.  
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