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To,

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

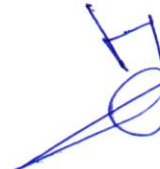
**Subject: Diversion of 4.20 ha of forest land for upgradation of the road from Kannamoochipirivu to Kemmampatti village in Palamalai RFs of Salem Forest Division in favour of Block Development Officer, Kolathur, Salem District -Reg**

Sir,

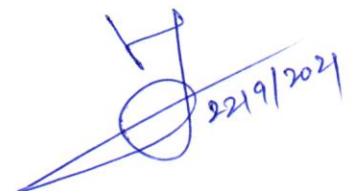
Please refer to the State Government's letter Nos. 17923/FR.10/2018-1 dated 14.11.2018, 17923/FR.10/2018-10 dated 25.02.2021 and the PCCF, Tamil Nadu letter No TS3/41275/2017 dated 28.08.2021 and online proposal No.FP/TN/ROAD/21076/2016 seeking prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of 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 directed to convey the Central Government's in principle approval (**Stage-I**) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 4.20 ha of forest land for upgradation of the road from Kannamoochipirivu to Kemmampatti village in Palamalai RFs of Salem Forest Division in favour of Block Development Officer, Kolathur, Salem District, **for a period of 25 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 carry out compensatory afforestation and its maintenance in the identified non forest area over an extent of **8.40 ha** in SF No 72/1 of Kurichi Village in Valapadi Taluk of Salem District at the cost of the User Agency;

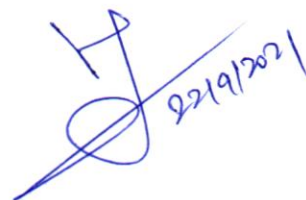
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- (iv) Entire non-forest land identified for raising compensatory afforestation over an extent of **8.40 ha** in SF No 72/1 of Kurichi Village in Valapadi Taluk of Salem District shall be transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department and same shall be declared as Reserved Forest under Section-4 or Protected Forest under Section-29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or under the relevant Section(s) of the local Forest Act before **Stage II approval**. A copy of the original notification shall be submitted along with the compliance report to this office for information and record;
- (v) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring **4.20 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;
- (vi) 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;
- (vii) 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/>);
- (viii) **Alignment of both RoW and proposed road are varies in few stretches, hence, such stretches of the old RoW road, which is not proposed under the new alignment shall be restored by planting suitable tree species at the cost of the User Agency;**
- (ix) **The User Agency shall obtain permission from the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India / CEC for felling of spontaneous trees in the diverted forest area and all conditions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India / CEC shall be complied with by the User Agency / State Government;**
- (x) **The State Government shall not issue working permission for the project without obtaining of required permission from the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India / CEC for felling of spontaneous trees;**
- (xi) The User Agency shall construct retaining walls and check walls wherever required, by consulting the DFO concerned, at the project cost;

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- (xii) 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;
- (xiii) The State Forest Department shall raise avenue plantation all along the roadside at the project cost with maintenance of 7-10 years at the cost of User Agency;
- (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) Wherever feasible, translocation of trees shall be carried out by the forest department at the cost of the User Agency;
- (xviii) No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for the transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
- (xix) 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;
- (xx) 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 & staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna;
- (xxi) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 4.20 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;
- (xxii) 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;



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(xxiii) 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;

(xxiv) 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;

(xxv) In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action provision made under FCA, 1980 and guidelines made there under.

(xxvi) 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,

(K.Karthikeyan)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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