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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

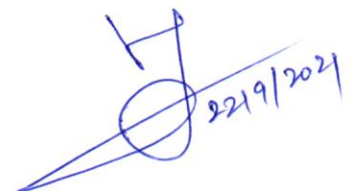
Sir,

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;

- (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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