



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

Letter No.7740/FR.10/2021-1, Dated :16.08.2021

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 – Virudhunagar Circle/Sivaganga Forest Division – Proposal for diversion of 0.015 ha of forest land for development of Karaikudi-Ramanathapuram NH-210 Project road, traversing through the Devakottai, Chinnakeera Mangalam, Rajasinga Mangalam, Devipattinam and Ramanathapuram in favour of the Project Director, NHAI, Karaikudi – Regarding.

Ref: From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests letter No: TS4/59408/2019, dated 04.05.2021.

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With reference to your letters cited, I am directed to convey the Government's in-principal approval (Stage-I) under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.015 ha of forest land in Sengai East Reserve Forests for development of Karaikudi-Ramnathapuram NH-210 Project road, traversing through the Devakottai, Chinnakeera mangalam, Rajasinga mangalam, Devipattinam and Ramanathapuram in favour of NHAI for a period of 20 years, under general approval category as per the provisions made in the new hand book of guidelines under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, 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 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 cost of Compensatory Afforestation and NPV under this project shall be deposited by generating chalan from the Ministry's onlineweb portal. UTR No 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, E&F(FR.XIII) Dept. dated 15.04.1991.
- IX. The Conservator of Forests and District Forest Officer may impose any other condition in the interest of conservation / protection and 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,

S. Mohamed Yunus 18/8/2021
for Principal Secretary to Government
18.8.21

Copy to:

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The District Collector,
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The Additional Principal Chief
Conservator of Forests (FCA),
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The District Forest Officer,
Tiruvannamalai District .
The Conservator of Forests,
Virudhunagar.
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