



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

Letter No: 14985/ FR.10/2021-1, dated: 21.10.2021

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

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

Sir,

Sub: Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Chennai Forest Circle /  
Kancheepuram Forest Division – Proposal for diversion of 0.28 ha of  
forest land in Kattur RF for relaying and periodical maintenance of  
Sembakkam road from km 0/0 to 0/400 in Chengalpattu District in favour  
of Divisional Engineer, Highways, Construction and Maintenance,  
Chengalpattu - Stage I approval accorded - Regarding.

Ref: Your letter No. TS3/11166/2020, dated: 01.09.2021.

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With reference to your letter cited, I am directed to convey the State Government's in-principle approval (**Stage-I**) under Section 2 of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.28 ha of forest land in Kattur Reserve Forests for relaying and periodical maintenance of Sembakkam road from km 0/0 to 0/400 in Chengalpattu District in favour of Divisional Engineer, Highways, Construction and Maintenance, Chengalpattu 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 for Critical development initiatives for public utility, subject to the following conditions:-

- a) The legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
- b) The demarcation of the proposed forest land shall be carried out by the User Agency by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at their cost.
- c) The cost of compensatory afforestation at the prevailing wage rates as per the compensatory afforestation scheme with maintenance of plantation shall be deposited by the User Agency at their project cost.
- d) The User Agency has to pay the amount of Net Present Value which will be fixed as per the guidelines of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
- e) The User Agency has to bear the additional amount of Net Present Value which will be fixed as per the guidelines of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India as fixed by Forest Department in future.
- f) Amount of Compensatory Afforestation Scheme, Net Present Value of forest area under the project shall be transferred / deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>)

- g) The User Agency has to pay the cost towards annual lease rent as fixed by the Forest Department at the time of sanction along with any escalation of the forest land to be diverted for the above project in future for the entire project period.
- h) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.28 ha comprising the forest area to a length of 400m and to a width of 7.00m (including shoulder width).
- i) Speed regulating signage shall be erected along the road at regular intervals in the forest area at the cost of User Agency.
- j) The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies/department or person without prior approval of State Government.
- k) Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violations of Forest (conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per rules in force.
- l) Any other conditions that the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forests and wildlife.
- m) Period of lease can be twenty (20) years. The User Agency has to apply renewal proposal before one year of expiry of lease with the State Forest Department.

2. I am also to inform you that only after receipt of the compliance report on the above mentioned conditions, the proposal will be considered for final approval and this in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 5 years from the date of issue of this letter. Further, in the event of non-compliance of the above conditions, this in-principle approval shall automatically be revoked as per Rules made under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Yours faithfully,

  
For Principal Secretary to Government

**Copy to:-**

The Divisional Engineer,  
Highways, Construction and Maintenance,  
Chengalpattu-603 001.  
The Deputy Director General of Forests (Central),  
Government of India,  
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Integrated Regional Office,  
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Nungambakkam, Chennai-600 034.  
The District Collector, Chengalpattu.  
The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA),  
O/o. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,  
Chennai-15.  
The District Forest Officer,  
Chengalpattu.  
The Chief Conservator of Forests,  
Chennai Circle, Chennai.