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To

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

**Subject: Diversion of 1.28 ha (revised from 1.593 ha) of forest land for the formation of Madurai Ring Road for Routes and Coastal Roads to improve the efficiency of freight movement in the State of Tamil Nadu in favour of Project, Director, National Highways Authority of India, Madurai - Reg**

Madam,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No.4379/FR.10/2021-8 dated 05.08.2022 and 4379/FR.10/2021-11 dated 16.03.2023 online application No.FP/TN/ ROAD/32148/2018 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 submitted by the State Government and considering the importance of the project, 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 1.28 ha (revised from 1.593 ha) of forest land for the formation of Madurai Ring Road for Routes and Coastal Roads to improve the efficiency of freight movement in the State of Tamil Nadu in favour of Project, Director, National Highways Authority of India, Madurai, for a period of 20 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;