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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 0.198 ha (revised area against 0.288 ha proposed earlier) forest area of Thirutheri RF for approach road to the User Agency (M/s. Sivanesh Bagerathi Enterprises) property in Sy No 86 Veerapuram Village in Kancheepuram District-Reg.

Madam,

Please refer to the State Government's letter Nos.1294/FR.10/2020-2 dated 26.06.2020 and 1294/FR.10/2020-6 dated 30.11.2021 and online application No. FP/TN/Others/10333/2015 seeking prior approval of the Government of India in accordance with Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above mentioned project. The project was accorded in-principle approval (Stage-I) by the Central Government vide letter dated 27.01.2022. The State Government vide letter No.1294/FR.10/2020-8 dated 13.12.2022 have reported compliance to the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval;

After careful consideration of the compliance report submitted by the State Government, I am directed to convey the Central Government's **final approval (Stage-II)** under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of **0.198 ha (revised area against 0.288 ha proposed earlier)** forest of Thirutheri RF for approach road to the User Agency (M/s. Sivanesh Bagerathi Enterprises) property in Sy No 86 Veerapuram Village in Kancheepuram District, **for a period of 20 years**, subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- (ii) The State Forest Department shall carryout plantation and its maintenance of ten times the trees to be felled in the diverted forest area over identified 0.25 ha of degraded forest area at Appur RF, at the cost of the User Agency; Considering the possibility of water logging in the proposed CA area suitable tree

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species shall be selected for planting. The seedling shall be protected from the threat of cattle grazing / browsing, at the cost of User Agency;

- (iii) 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;
- (iv) The User Agency shall construct retaining walls and check walls wherever required, by consulting the DFO concerned, at the project cost;
- (v) Trees marked for felling shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and wherever feasible the indigenous tree species marked for felling may be translocated in the adjoining area inside the Thirutheri RF and maintained, at the cost of User Agency;
- (vi) 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;
- (vii) 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;
- (viii) The dug out material / overburden shall be dumped outside the forest area. Storage of any material shall not be done in the forest area;
- (ix) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- (x) No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
- (xi) 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;
- (xii) 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;

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- (xiii) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **0.198 ha.** The approach road shall be of 8m width with extra 2 m in the curves; carriage way of road, drainage, lamp post etc if any shall be strictly laid within the diverted area and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal.;
- (xiv) 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;
- (xv) 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;
- (xvi) 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;
- (xvii) In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as per the rules / guidelines issued under FCA, 1980;

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-**(K.Karthikeyan)**

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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