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Date; 02nd March, 2023

To,

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

Subject: Diversion of 1.569 ha of forest land in Nanmangalam RF for Chennai Metro Rail Limited Phase II C5-06 Madhavaram to Sholinganallur corridor in Nanmangalam forest land for elevated Metro station in Chengalpattu District in Chennai Forest Division area in favour of Chennai Metro Rail Limited, Chennai Admin Building, Poonamalle High road, Koyambedu, Chennai-Reg.

Madam,

Please refer to the State Government letter Nos.22539/FR.10/2021-2 dated 08.02.2022 and 22539/FR.10/2021-5 dated 24.06.2022 and online proposal No. FP/TN/RAIL/141594/2021 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 27.07.2022. The State Government letter No.1486/Section.II/2022(1764447) dated 27.01.2023 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 **1.569 ha** of forest land in Nanmangalam RF for Chennai Metro Rail Limited Phase II C5-06 Madhavaram to Sholinganallur corridor in Nanmangalam forest land for elevated Metro station in Chengalpattu District in Chennai Forest Division area in favour of Chennai Metro Rail Limited, Chennai Admin Building, Poonamalle High road, Koyambedu, Chennai, **for a period of 30 years**, subject to the following conditions:-

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged;
2. 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 and maintained at the cost of user agency;

3. The Compensatory Afforestation (CA) shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department over **3.14 ha** of degraded forest area in Kumili RF of Tambaram Range, from the amount already been realized from the user agency;
4. 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;
5. Pre-fabricated structures should be used to the maximum possible extent to reduce the extent of disturbance in the habitat;
6. The debris / earth excavated during the track laying work should be disposed off or reused suitably so that the natural drainage of the area is not blocked. Materials to be used for construction of new tracks should be brought from outside the forest area;
7. Disturbance shall be kept minimum by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible;
8. All mitigation measures as recommended / suggested in the "**Biodiversity Assessment and Biodiversity Management Plan**" for Nanmangalam RF, shall be implemented from the amount already been realized from the User Agency;
9. Felling shall be restricted to removal of trees only where it is necessary with strict supervision of State Forest Department. Trees of **spontaneous growth origin shall not be felled, if any**;
10. Trees/bushes standing in the diverted area shall be felled / cleared strictly as per requirement and with prior permission of the Divisional Forest Officer concerned;
11. The user agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance, if required;
12. The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency, department or person without the prior approval of the Central Government;
13. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **1.569 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
14. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;



15. The user agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to the all Acts, Rules, Regulation, Guidelines of the Ministry for the time being in force, as applicable to the railway line projects and Court Orders, if any, in specific to the subject project shall be complied with;
16. 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;
17. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as per the provisions under rules / guidelines issued under FCA, 1980.

Yours faithfully,


(K. Karthikeyan)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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