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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 2.5553 ha of forest land for widening and improvement of existing carriage way to 4-laning of Poondiyankuppam-Sathanathapuram section of NH-45A in the State of Tamil Nadu under NHDP Phase IV (Pkg-3) Bridge across Gopalamudram RF in Nagapattinam District in favour of NHAI, PIU, Puducherry, Bommaiypalayam, Tamil Nadu- Reg**

Madam

Please refer to the State Government letter Nos.11662/FR.10/2022-1 dated 12.09.2022 and online application No.FP/TN/ROAD/151511/2022 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 22.09.2022. The State Government vide letter No.11662/FR.10/2022-3 dated 21.02.2023 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 **2.5553 ha** of forest land for widening and improvement of existing carriage way to 4-laning of Poondiyankuppam-Sathanathapuram section of NH-45A in the State of Tamil Nadu under NHDP Phase IV (Pkg-3) Bridge across Gopalamudram RF in Nagapattinam District in favour of NHAI, PIU, Puducherry, Bommaiypalayam, Tamil Nadu, **for a period of 20 years**, subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;