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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 4.20 ha of forest land for upgradation of the road from Kannamoochipirivu to Kemmampatti village in Palamalai RFs of Salem Forest Division in favour of Block Development Officer, Kolathur, Salem District -Reg.

Madam,

Please refer to the State Government letter Nos.17923/FR.10/2018-1 dated 14.11.2018, 17923/FR.10/2018-10 dated 25.02.2021 and the PCCF, Tamil Nadu letter No TS3/41275/2017 dated 28.08.2021 and online proposal No.FP/TN/ROAD/21076/2016 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 22.09.2021. The State Government vide letter No.17923/FR.10/2018-15) 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 **4.20 ha** of forest land for upgradation of the road from Kannamoochipirivu to Kemmampatti village in Palamalai RFs of Salem Forest Division in favour of Block Development Officer, Kolathur, Salem District, **for a period of 25 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;
- (iii) The State Forest Department shall carry out compensatory afforestation and its maintenance in the identified non forest area over an extent of **8.40 ha** in SF No 72/1 of Kurichi Village in Valapadi Taluk of Salem District from the amount already been realized from the User Agency;