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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 2.3824 ha of forest land for formation of Madurai-Natham road for preparation of DPR for development of Economic Corridors, Inter Corridors, Feeder Routes and Coastal Roads to improve the efficiency of freight movement in India in favour of the Project Director, National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), Madurai-Reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No. 6885/FR.10/2021-4 dated 28.12.2021 and 6885/FR.10/2022-6 dated 20.10.2022 online application No.FP/TN/ ROAD/29470/2017, 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. The project was accorded in-principle approval (Stage-I) by the Central Government vide letter dated 15.11.2022. The State Government letter No. 6885/FR.10/2021-9 dated 27.03.2023, have reported compliance to the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval;

After careful consideration of the compliance report submitted by the State Forest Department, I am directed to convey the Central Government's approval (**Stage-II**) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of **2.3824 ha** of forest land for formation of Madurai-Natham road for preparation of DPR for development of Economic Corridors, Inter Corridors, Feeder Routes and Coastal Roads to improve the efficiency of freight movement in India in favour of the Project Director, National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), Madurai, **for a period of 20 years**, subject to the following conditions:-

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