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फा.न./F.No.4-TNB092/2022-CHN/ 766

दिनांक/Date: 19th May, 2025

सेवा में/To,

The Additional Chief Secretary,
Environment, Climate Change & Forest Department,
Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Secretariat, Fort St. George, Chennai-600 009.

विषय/Subject: Diversion of 0.82 ha of forest land for initial rectification including widening, strengthening and improvements and performance based maintenance contract for a period of 60 months in State Highways and major district roads-Widening of Thiruverumbur-grand Anaicut road-in favour of the Assistant Divisional Engineer, Highways Construction & Maintenance, Thiruvaiyaru-Reg.

Madam,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No. 9283/FR.10/2022-1 dated 17.08.2022 and online proposal No.FP/TN/ROAD/149622/2021, seeking prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of forest land in accordance with Section 2(1) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for the above-mentioned project. The project was accorded In-principle approval (Stage-I) by the Central Government letter of even no. dated 23.10.2024. The State Government vide letter No. 9283/FR.10/2022-7 dated 08.05.2025 reported compliance to the conditions stipulated in the In-principle approval.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am hereby directed to convey the Central Government's **Final approval (Stage-II)** under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, for the **diversion of 0.82 ha of forest land for initial rectification**

including widening, strengthening and improvements and performance based maintenance contract for a period of 60 months in State Highways and major district roads-Widening of Thiruverumbur-grand Anaicut road-in favour of the Assistant Divisional Engineer, Highways Construction & Maintenance, Thiruvaiyaru, subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- (ii) The State Forest Department shall carry out compensatory afforestation over an extent of **1.64 ha of DFL area identified in Nagavally RF of Thanjavur Division including maintenance for a period of 10 years**, at the cost of Rs. 28,86,435/-, which was already realized from the User Agency;
- (iii) Identified CA area and CA scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government; The work of CA shall start within two years of issue of final order of diversion as per provision Rule 14(2) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023.
- (iv) 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;
- (v) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- (vi) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- (vii) Even though 120 trees of spontaneous origin is marked for felling, the User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department;
- (viii) Disturbance shall be kept minimal by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it will be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the machinery, labourers & staff engaged in execution of work shall not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna;
- (ix) Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.
- (x) The User Agency shall construct retaining walls and check walls wherever required by consulting the DFO concerned, at the project cost;

(xi) Roadside cutting and fillings which require engineering support shall be provided as per the instructions of the DFO concerned so as to stabilize the soil;

(xii) The dug-out material/overburden shall be dumped outside the forest area. Storage of any material shall not be done in the forest area;

(xiii) 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;

(xiv) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **0.82 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;

(xv) 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 the 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) Violation of any of the above conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam 1980 and action would be taken as per Rules and Guidelines issued under the Adhiniyam;

आपका विश्वासी/Yours faithfully,

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Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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