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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 0.95 ha of forest land for the expansion works of Government Arts and Science College, Jayankondam across Periyavalayam Reserved Forest in Ariyalur District in favour of the Principal, Government Arts and Science College, Jayankondam- Reg

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government letter Nos.11035/FR.10/2022-1, dated 25.07.2022 and 11035/FR.10/2022-3 dated 28.11.2022 and online application No.FP/TN/Others/149812/2021 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 16.01.2023. The State Government vide letter No.11035/FR.10/2022-1 dated 22.05.2023 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 hereby directed to convey the Central Government's **final approval (Stage-II)** under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of **0.95 ha** of forest land for the expansion works of Government Arts and Science College, Jayankondam across Periyavalayam Reserved Forest in Ariyalur District in favour of the Principal, Government Arts and Science College, Jayankondam, **for a period of 20 years**, subject to the following conditions:-

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

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- (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 before execution of the project;**
- (iii) Cement boundary wall to be constructed all along the proposed forest area for diversion and clear demarcation of forest and non-forest area proposed to be utilize for construction of Arts & Science College;
- (iv) **Required number of plants shall be raised and its maintenance for a period of 10 years shall be carried out over an extent of 1.90 ha degraded forest area in Vangaram RF, Ariyalur Range, from the amount realized from the User Agency;**
- (v) 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;
- (vi) **No residential building shall be constructed in the forest area;**
- (vii) **No plastic waste or any such garbage shall be dumped in the forest area;**
- (viii) **Chain link fencing at northern side of RF boundary shall be erected at the cost of the User Agency to avoid encroachments;**
- (ix) **As an area over an extent of 0.6110 ha is proposed for the garden purpose, it is not advisable to fell the standing trees and make garden over it; hence, felling of trees within the 0.6110 ha proposed for garden purpose may be avoided, if required, bare minimum trees may be felled under the strict supervision of DFO concerned. Trees of spontaneous origin shall not be felled;**
- (x) **As the proposed college surrounded with RF area, the State Forest Department / User Agency shall sensitize the students & others regarding applicability of the FCA, 1980 or State acts so as to avoid any offence under such Acts;**
- (xi) **No additional path / road shall be formed in the surround RF area for execution of the project work;**

- (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 layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- (xiv) The User Agency shall provide fire wood preferably alternate fuel to labourers working at the site to avoid damage/tree felling and no labour camp shall be established inside the forest area;
- (xv) Disturbance shall be kept minimum by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it shall be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna;
- (xvi) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **0.95 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
- (xvii) 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;
- (xviii) The 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;
- (xix) 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;
- (xx) In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as per the rules / guidelines issued under FCA, 1980;

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

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Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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