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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 1.28 ha (revised from 1.593 ha) of forest land for the formation of Madurai Ring Road for Routes and Coastal Roads to improve the efficiency of freight movement in the State of Tamil Nadu in favour of Project, Director, National Highways Authority of India, Madurai - Reg

Madam,

Please refer to the State Government's letter Nos.4379/FR.10/2021-8 dated 05.08.2022, 4379/FR.10/2021-11 dated 16.03.2023 and online application No.FP/TN/ ROAD/32148/2018 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 28.03.2023. The State Government vide letter No.4379/FR.10/2021-13 dated 09.08.2023 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 **1.28 ha** (revised from 1.593 ha) of forest land for the formation of Madurai Ring Road for Routes and Coastal Roads to improve the efficiency of freight movement in the State of Tamil Nadu in favour of Project, Director, National Highways Authority of India, Madurai, **for a period of 20 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