



सत्यमेव जयते

भारतसरकार
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS &
CLIMATE CHANGE
एकीकृत क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय/Integrated Regional Office
Additional Office Block for GPOA, 1st Floor,
Shastri Bhawan, Haddows Road, Nungambakkam,
Chennai-600 006;
Ph: 044-28222041; Fax: 28252536;
E-mail: ro.moefccc@gov.in/roefccc1@gmail.com



F.No.4-TNB048/2019-CHN/

Date; 29th December, 2021

1287

To,

The Principal Secretary to the Government of Tamil Nadu,
Environment & Forests Department,
Secretariat, Fort St. George, Chennai - 600 009.

Subject: Diversion of 3.50 ha of forest land in Valasamalai RF of Tiruvannamalai Forest Division for formation of road from Ulchekkadi H/O Beemarapatti Village to Kilvalasai situated in Valasamalai Forest area in Thandarampattu Block in Tiruvannamalai District-Reg

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No.16913/FR.10/2019-1 dated 13.11.2019, No.16913/FR.10/2019-4 dated 02.03.2020 and online proposal No FP/TN/ROAD/32737/2018 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 09.03.2020. The State Government vide letter No. 16913/FR.10/2019-10 dated 10.11.2021 have reported compliance to the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am directed to convey the Central Government's approval (*Stage-II*) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of **3.50 ha** of forest land in Valasamalai RF of Tiruvannamalai Forest division for formation of road from Ulchekkadi H/O Beemarapatti Village to Kilvalasai situated in Valasamalai Forest area in Thandarampattu Block in Tiruvannamalai District, **for a period of 25 years**, subject to the following conditions:-

1. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
2. 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 by the User Agency in consultation with the DFO concerned at the project cost;

File No.4-TNB048/2019-CHN

3. The Compensatory Afforestation (CA) shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department over 7.00 ha of non-forest land identified in SF No52 of Athipadi Village in Thandampattu Taluk from the amount which was already realized from the User Agency;
4. Identified CA land and approved CA scheme shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
5. The non-forest land identified for Compensatory Afforestation has been notified as 'Reserved Land' under Section 26 of the Tamil Nadu Forest Act 1882 on 7th November 2020 by the District Collector, Tiruvannamalai. The process of notification of above land as Reserved Forests under Section-4 or Protected Forest under Section-29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or under the relevant Section(s) of the State Forest Act required if any, shall be completed within six (6) months from the date of grant of final approval and send a copy of the original notification to this office for information and record.
6. No spontaneous / planted trees shall be felled or cleared under this project;
7. Additional amount of 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;
8. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
9. The dug out material / overburden shall be dumped outside the forest area. Storage of any material shall not be done in the forest area;
10. 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;
11. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government;
12. The User Agency shall provide fire wood, preferably alternate fuel to labourers working at the site to avoid damage/tree felling;
13. 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 labourers and staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora and fauna;

14. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance of relevant Acts, Rules, Regulations, Court Orders and Guidelines of the Ministry, for the time being in force, as applicable to such projects;
15. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **3.50 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
16. Any other condition that the Regional Officer (Central), 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;
17. 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 and guidelines issued by MoEF&CC, in this regard;

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(K.Karthikeyan)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Forest Department, No.1, Jeenis Road, Panagal Building, Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015.
2. The Chief Wildlife Warden/Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Forest Department, No.1, Jeenis Road, Panagal Building, Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015.
3. The Block Development Officer, Thandarampet, Tiruvannamalai District, Tamil Nadu-606707.bdotpu.tntvm@nic.in
4. Guard file.

Sd/-

(K.Karthikeyan)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)