



ABSTRACT

Forests – Vellore Circle / Tiruvannamalai Forest Division - Diversion of 0.25 ha of forest land in Pennaiyar Reserved Forest for widening from Intermediate lane to two lanes and construction of three culverts for strengthening of Sathanur Dam Road in Tiruvannamalai District, in favour of Divisional Engineer, Highways (Construction and Maintenance), Tiruvannamalai District under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Orders – Issued.

Environment, Climate Change and Forest (FR.10) Department

G.O.(Ms) No.145

Dated : 24.08.2022

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Read :

1. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoD), Letter No.TS3/23610/2021, dated 03.01.2022.
2. Government letter No.140/FR.10/2022-1, dated 28.02.2022 and 31.05.2022.
3. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Letter No.TS3/23610/2021, dated 30.06.2022.

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ORDER:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests in his letter first read above, has furnished the proposal (No.FP/TN/Road/143273/2021) for diversion of 0.25 ha. of forest land in Pennaiyar Reserved Forest for the widening from Intermediate lane to two lanes (Existing 5.50m width and widening on left side to a width of 1.50m) and construction of three culverts of 12m(l)x2.0m(w) for strengthening of Sathanur Dam Road at km 3/4 to 5/0 in Tiruvannamalai District, in favour of Divisional Engineer, Highways (Construction and Maintenance), Tiruvannamalai District for a period of 25 years, under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. In the Government letter second read above, the Government have accorded the State Government's in-principle approval (Stage-I) under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.25 ha. of forest land in Pennaiyar Reserved Forest for the widening from Intermediate lane to two lanes (Existing 5.50m width and widening on left side to a width of 1.50m) and construction of three culverts of 12m(l)x2.0m(w) for strengthening of Sathanur Dam Road at km 3/4 to 5/0 in Tiruvannamalai District, in favour of Divisional Engineer, Highways (Construction and Maintenance), Tiruvannamalai District for a period of 25 years, subject to certain conditions under general approval category as per the provisions of guidelines under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Critical development initiatives for public utility, since the proposal comes under 'Construction/widening of roads' category, and

requested to furnish the compliance report, after satisfying all the conditions stipulated therein within a period of 5 years.

3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) in his letter third read above, has furnished the compliance report on all the conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval accorded for the said proposal and also requested to issue (Stage-II) final approval for diversion of 0.25 ha. of forest land in Pennaiyar Reserved Forest for the widening from Intermediate lane to two lanes (Existing 5.50m width and widening on left side to a width of 1.50m) and construction of three culverts of 12m(l)x2.0m(w) for strengthening of Sathanur Dam Road at km 3/4 to 5/0 in Tiruvannamalai District, in favour of Divisional Engineer, Highways (Construction and Maintenance), Tiruvannamalai District for a period of 25 years, under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

4. The Government after careful examination, accord the State Government's final approval (Stage-II) under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 0.25 ha. of forest land in Pennaiyar RF for the widening from Intermediate lane to two lanes (Existing 5.50m width and widening on left side to a width of 1.50m) and construction of three culverts of 12m(l)x2.0m(w) for strengthening of Sathanur Dam Road at km 3/4 to 5/0 in Tiruvannamalai District, in favour of Divisional Engineer, Highways (Construction and Maintenance), Tiruvannamalai District for a period of 25 years, under general approval category as per the provisions of guidelines under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for critical development initiatives for public utility, since the proposal comes under construction/widening of roads category, subject to the following conditions:-

- i. The legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
- ii. The User Agency has to bear the additional amount of Net Present Value which will be fixed as per the guidelines of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India as fixed by Forest Department in future.
- iii. The User Agency has to pay the cost towards annual lease rent as fixed by the Forest Department at the time of sanction along with any escalation for the forest land to be diverted of the above project in future for the entire project period.
- iv. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.25 ha comprising the forest area to a length of 1600m and 1.50m width in addition to the existing road portion of 5.50m width.
- v. Speed regulating signage and information board on diversion of forest area shall be erected along the road at regular intervals at the cost of user agency.
- vi. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under any circumstances be transferred to any other agencies/ department or person without prior approval of State Government.
- vii. The User Agency shall be responsible for any loss to Flora and Fauna in the surroundings and shall take all possible measures to conserve the same.
- viii. The forest land shall not be used for any other purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
- ix. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violations of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per rules in force.

- x. Any other conditions that the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forests and wildlife in the area, shall be complied by the User Agency.
- xi. Period of lease is twenty five (25) years. The User Agency has to apply renewal proposal before one year of expiry of lease with the State Forest Department.

5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests is requested to take action accordingly and send a report to Government in due course.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

**SUPRIYA SAHU
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To

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The District Forest Officer,
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