

C.No.TS3/39369/2021

Office of the Principal Chief Conservator
of Forests (Head of Forest Force),
Forest Head Quarters Building, Guindy-
Velachery Main Road, Guindy, Chennai-32.

Dated: 28.10.2022.

Sub Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Proposal for diversion of 0.8169 ha of forest land in Vallam RF for relaying and periodical maintenance of Singaperumal Koil-Reddikuppam road to Chengalpattu-Thiruporur via Anjur Pattaravakkam Thenur road km 7/747-8/947 in Chengalpattu District – Proposal forwarded through online - Regarding.

- Ref 1 Online forest clearance proposal uploaded by the Divisional Engineer, Highways Department, Rural Roads, Chengalpattu - Proposal No. FP/TN/Road/148705/2021, dated 05.12.2021 and Re-submission of revised proposal on 03.01.2022
- 2 Principal Chief Conservator of Forests letter No. TS3/39369/2021 dated 21.02.2022
- 3 Part-II of Form-A uploaded by the District Forest Officer, Kancheepuram Division on 25.08.2022
- 4 Part-III of Form-A uploaded by the Conservator of Forests, Chennai Circle on 11.10.2022

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Attention of the Conservator of Forests is invited to the references cited.

1) Online forest clearance proposal uploaded by the Divisional Engineer, Highways Department, Rural Roads, Chengalpattu under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.90 ha of forest land in Vallam RF for relaying and periodical maintenance of Singaperumalkoil-Reddikuppam road to Chengalpattu-Thiruporur via Anjur Pattaravakkam Thenur road km 7/747-8/947 in Chengalpattu District has been forwarded to the District Forest Officer, Kancheepuram Division vide Principal Chief Conservator of Forests reference 2nd cited.

2) The District Forest Officer and the Conservator of Forests have forwarded the revised proposal of diversion of 0.8169 ha of forest area for the project.

3) Following shortcomings have been noticed on the proposal.

i) In the Part-II for Form-A and site inspection and recommendation of the project proposal it has been reported that 15 number of standing trees are to be felled in the project area.

However the status of trees whether the standing trees are of planted or spontaneous tree has not been reported.

ii) For the diversion of 0.8169 ha of forest area, compensatory afforestation has been proposed by planting of 1634 number of trees in 1.633 ha degraded forest area in Salur RF.

In the compensatory afforestation scheme, digging of 1784 Nos staggered trench to the plants has been proposed to an amount of Rs. 12,30,675/- and water harvesting trench along the boundary of Salur RF to a length of 300m has been proposed to an amount of Rs. 97,884/-

Justification for providing above works in the CA scheme has not been furnished.

iii) Compensatory afforestation scheme estimate should contain the essential items required for the successful planting activity. Water harvesting structures if any required in the degraded forest area may be proposed in other schemes.

iv) In this proposal, compensatory afforestation in double the extent of degraded forest area has been proposed as per the guidelines of 2.5 (i) g of Chapter 2 of Forest Conservation Act 1980 and Forest Conservation Rules 2002 issued during March 2019.

In addition to the above, planting of ten times of trees to be felled for the project has also been proposed as per the guidelines issued by the Government of India under 2.6 of Chapter 2 of Forest Conservation Act 1980 and Forest Conservation Rules 2002 issued during March 2019.

The guidelines issued by the Government of India may be followed strictly.

4) Attention is invited to the guidelines issued by the Government of India in Lr No. 11-243/2011-FC dated 08.11.2017 and instructions issued in Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Ref. No. TS4/24632/2019, dated 07.06.2019 and 28.06.2022 on preparation of Compensatory afforestation scheme for the diversion of forest area proposal and instruction issued and Model cost estimate approved in Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Ref. No. TS4/22483/2022, dated 13.10.2022 may be strictly followed.

Before forwarding proposal through web portal, the Conservator of Forests should ensure that the forest clearance proposal is furnished in complete shape.

Sd/- V. Karunapriya,
For Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)

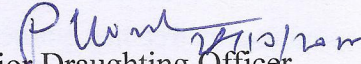
To

The Conservator of Forests, Chennai Circle, Chennai for necessary follow up action.

Copy to the District Forest Officer, Kancheepuram Division, Kancheepuram

Copy to the Divisional Engineer, Highways Department, Rural Roads, No. B-75, Alagesan Nagar, Chengalpattu, Pin code 603 001. (User agency)

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