C.No.TS3/39364/2021

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 0.686 ha of forest land in Paranur RF for relaying and periodical maintenance of GST road to Vadagal via Chettipuniyam road km 1/314-2/0 in Chengalpattu District Proposal forwarded Regarding.
- Ref 1 Online forest clearance proposal uploaded by the Divisional Engineer, Highways Department, Rural Roads, Chengalpattu Proposal No. FP/TN/Road/148740/2021, dated 05.12.2021 and Re-submission of revised proposal on 03.01.2022
  - 2 Principal Chief Conservator of Forests letter No. TS3/39364/2021 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 0.72 ha of forest land in Paranur RF for relaying and periodical maintenance of GST road to Vadagal via Chettipuniyam road km 1/280-2/0 in Chengalpattu District has been forwarded to the District Forest Officer, Kancheepuram Division vide Principal Chief Conservator of Forests reference 2<sup>nd</sup> cited.
- 2) The District Forest Officer and the Conservator of Forests have forwarded the revised proposal of diversion of 0.6866 ha of forest area for the project.
  - 3) Following shortcomings have been noticed on the proposal.
- i) For the diversion of 0.6866 ha of forest area, compensatory afforestation has been proposed by planting of 1372 number of trees in 1.372 ha degraded forest area in Thirukkalukundram RF.

In the compensatory afforestation scheme, digging 1372 Nos of staggered trench to the plants has been proposed to an amount of Rs. 9,46,460/- and water harvesting trench along the boundary of Thirukkalukundram RF to a length of 100m has been proposed to an amount of Rs. 32,628/-

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

- ii) 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.
- 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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Senior Draughting Officer.