

C.No.TS3/231/2022

Office of the Principal Chief Conservator
of Forests (Head of Forest Force),
Panagal Maaligai, Saidapet, Chennai-15.

Dated: 06.07.2022.

Sub Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Proposal for diversion of 0.90 ha of forest land in Semakkottai RF for widening of road from Single lane to Double lane and improvement of Vridhachalam to Kattukudalore road from km 10/6 to 11/6 in Cuddalore District – Proposal forwarded - Regarding.

- Ref 1 Online application uploaded by the Assistant Divisional Engineer, Highways, Construction and Maintenance Sub Division, Vridhachalam, Cuddalore District - Proposal No. FP/TN/Road/150630/2021, dated 29.12.2021.
- 2 Principal Chief Conservator of Forests letter No. TS3/231/2022 dated 05.05.2022.
- 3 Part-II of Form-A uploaded by the District Forest Officer, Cuddalore Division on 19.05.2022
- 4 Part-III of Form-A uploaded by the Conservator of Forests, Villupuram Circle on 28.06.2022.

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

In the reference 1st cited, the Assistant Divisional Engineer, Highways, Construction and Maintenance Sub Division, Vridhachalam, Cuddalore District has uploaded online forest area diversion proposal under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.90 ha of forest land in Semakkottai RF for widening of road from Single lane to Double lane and improvement of Vridhachalam to Kattukudalore road from km 10/6 to 11/6 in Cuddalore District under proposal No. FP/TN/Road/ 150630/2022.

In the reference 3rd and 4th cited, the District Forest Officer, Cuddalore Division and Conservator of Forests Villupuram Circle have forwarded the proposal along with their recommendation of the project through web portal.

Forest area diversion has been proposed for 0.90 ha area in Seemakottai RF for widening of road from Single lane to Double lane and improvement of Vridhachalam to Kattukudalore road over a distance of 1 km which falls in Seemakottai Extension RF.

i) In the site inspection and recommendation of the proposal, the District Forest Officer, Cuddalore Division has reported that right of way admitted as per the Seemakottai Extension RF notification. However right of way details of name of the road, length and width allowed have not been reported and the name of the Reserved Forest differing.

ii) As per the guidelines issued under Para 2.5 of Chapter 2 of Compensatory afforestation in the hand book of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 issued by the Government of India during March 2019, CA shall be raised and maintained at the cost of user agency on degraded forest land twice in extent of the forest area diverted in the cases of construction of link roads.

However for the diversion of 0.90 ha of forest area for the above road work, the District Forest Officer has not proposed any CA scheme. Reason for not proposing the CA scheme has not been reported in the proposal.

The above shortcomings may be rectified and resubmitted the proposal early.

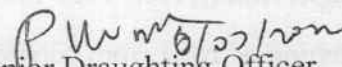
Sd/- V. Karunapriya,
For Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)

To
The Conservator of Forests, Villupuram Circle, Villupuram.

The District Forest Officer, Cuddalore Forest Division, Cuddalore.

Copy to the Assistant Divisional Engineer, Highways, Construction and Maintenance Sub Division, Vridhachalam, Cuddalore District Pin code 607001. (User Agency)

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