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F.No.4-TNB068/2020-CHN/942  
Date 04<sup>th</sup> October, 2021

To

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

Subject: Diversion of 2.839 ha of forest land for Improvement work of Theni Bypass road connecting Dindigul-Theni Road and Madurai-Cochin Road across Valkaradu R.F in favour of Divisional Engineer, Highways Construction and Maintenance, Theni- Reg

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter 6353/FR.10/2020-2 dated 17.10.2020 and online application No.FP/TN/ROAD/41255/2019 and it is to inform that the subject proposal was considered by the REC in its 50<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 21.09.2021 and after due deliberation the committee decided to seek the following documents / clarification from the State Government;

- As the UA informed that 10.50 mtrs width is required for construction of road against 23 mtr proposed in the application and recommended by State Government , the State Government shall look in to the matter and shall report actual length and width of the road essentially required, that is bare minimum specifying carriage way, shoulder *etc*;
- As directed in the earlier inspection of Regional Office, construction of wall all along the adjoining forest area opposite to bus stand shall be done. The state forest department shall identify vulnerable locations of people entry points into RF areas and propose cost estimate for construction of wall only in such locations.
- The User Agency in consultation with the municipality, shall devise an effective waste management proposal all along the proposed road and surroundings of the bus stand and submit along with the current proposal.
- As rightly pointed out by APCCF in his inspection report "*Movement of heavy and fast-moving vehicles on the road can cause disturbance to such wildlife and their habitat and tend to result in road kills as has been witnessed elsewhere.*"

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*Further trash and garbage deposited by the general public on the sides of the road may also add to the discomfiture experienced by wildlife leading to death of fauna, particularly reptilian fauna", in order to mitigate the problem specifically with respect to protecting wildlife and its habitat appropriate wildlife mitigation measures shall be proposed.*

In view of the above, I am directed to request to furnish the information as mentioned above to this office at the earliest for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-  
**(K.Karthikeyan)**  
Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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2. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/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.
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