

Letter No.18550/FR.10/2022-2, dated: 01.11.2023

From  
Thiru.T.Ritto Cyriac, I.F.S.,  
Special Secretary (Forest).

To  
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Forest Force),  
Chennai - 32.

Sir,

Sub: Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Proposal (FP/TN/Others/42934/2019) for diversion of 0.1212 ha. of forest land in Thiruthuraiyur Reserved Forest of Cuddalore Forest Division for construction of BT approach road, cremation shed, providing water supply and street lights to burial ground of Chinnapettai village in Cuddalore District in favour of the Block Development Officer (BP), Panchayat Union, Annagramam, Cuddalore District - Regarding.

- Ref:
1. Your Letter No.TS3/57874/2019, dated 12.11.2022.
  2. Government Letter No.18550/FR.10/2022-1, dated 08.12.2022.
  3. Your Letter No.TS3/57874/2019, dated 12.07.2023.
  4. From the Scientist 'D', Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (FC Division), New Delhi, Letters dated 21.08.2023 and 13.10.2023.

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I am directed to invite attention to your letter 1<sup>st</sup> cited, wherein it has been stated that, the District Forest Officer has reported that Compensatory Afforestation may not be insisted as the clearance requested is for approach road to burial ground which is basic requirement for nearby people. In this connection, I am to state that as per reference 4<sup>th</sup> cited, the proposals involving area up to 1 ha. are exempted from raising Compensatory Afforestation, however in such cases cost of plantation of ten times the number of trees likely to be felled or specified number of trees as may be specified in the order for diversion of forest land (subject to a minimum no. of 100 plants), shall be levied from the User Agency towards Compensatory Afforestation. Accordingly, cost of raising 100 seedlings shall be proposed towards Compensatory Afforestation at the project cost to be paid by the User Agency, in lieu of diversion of 0.27 ha. of proposed forest land.

2. I am, therefore to request you to re-submit the proposal with the details of cost of raising of 100 seedlings to be paid by the User Agency as per the reference 4<sup>th</sup> cited to Government immediately, for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

M. Megala  
2/11/2023

for Special Secretary (Forest)

02/11/2023