C.No.TS3/41275/2017

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

Dated: 26.11.2018.

- Sub Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve Circle, Erode / Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve Division, Sathyamangalam Proposal for diversion of 35.80 ha of forest land in Gudiyalathur Reserved Forests of Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve, Sathyamangalam Division for Kanakkampalayam Tank Scheme in Erode District Online Submission of proposal by the User Agency Public Works Department represented by Assistant Executive Engineer, Project Planning and Design Sub Division, PWD, Gobichettipalayam, Erode District Pin code 638476 Regarding.
- Ref 1 Online application uploaded by the User Agency Public Works Department represented by Assistant Executive Engineer, Project Planning and Design Sub Division, PWD, Gobichettipalayam, Erode District Pin code 638476 Proposal No. FP/ TN/ IRRIG/ 25052/2017, dated 10.10.2017 and resubmission of proposal dated 23.11.2017, 30.04.2018, 28.05.2018 & 08.06.2018
 - 2 Principal Chief Conservator of Forests letter No. TS3/37319/2017 dated 26.07.2018.
 - 3 Part II of Form A uploaded by the District Forest Officer / Deputy Director, Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve, Sathyamangalam on 08.10.2018.
 - 4 Part III of Form A uploaded by the Chief Conservator of Forests and Field Director, Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve, Erode on 15.11.2018.

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

In the Part-II of Form-A uploaded by the District Forest Officer and Deputy Director, Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve, Sathyamangalam, following shortcomings are noticed.

- 1) Under the section of details of vegetation available in the forest land proposed for diversion, species-wise and girth-wise enumeration of trees at Full Reservoir Level (FRL) reported are as follows.
- i) species-wise and girth-wise enumeration of trees at FRL 4042 trees
- ii) species-wise and girth-wise enumeration of trees at FRL-2 meter NIL
- iii) species-wise and girth-wise enumeration of trees at FRL-4 meter 355 trees.
- (i) It is not specified that, (a) total trees available in the project area, (b) whether the trees mentioned in (i) is for the total trees available in the project area, (c) details about trees available at FRL-2 meter depth.
- (ii) The District Forest Officer has not mentioned about the status of trees available (ie., whether planted or spontaneous trees)
- (iii) Whether the entire trees of enumerated needs to be felled.
- (iv) If felling of trees involved, trees felling cost along with transportation to godown has to be recovered from the user agency. Hence cost to be recovered from the user agency has to be uploaded with the proposal.
- (v) Component of works proposes in the forest diversion area are canal formation, bund, water spread area.

Details of trees available in the canal, bund and water spread area has to be uploaded separately.

- 2) Under the significance of the forest land proposed for diversion from wildlife point of view, the District Forest Officer has stated that, Asian Elephant, Leopard, Tiger, Wild dog, India gaur, Spotted deer, Sloth bear, Mouse-deer etc are present in and around the forest land proposed for diversion and the proposed forest diversion area forms part of wildlife sanctuary, tiger reserve and the proposed land for diversion falls under buffer area of Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve.
- (i) Details and comments on the impact of project on the area has not been reported by the District Forest Officer.
- 3) The District Forest Officer / Deputy Director, Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve, Sathyamangalam has not uploaded the site suitability certificate of

proposed non-forest land of 73.00 ha of CA land lies in Bargur 'A' village in two patches.

In Part-III of Form-A

4) As per the field inspection notes and recommendation of the proposal uploaded in the Part-III of Form-A by the Chief Conservator of Forests and Field Director, Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve, Erode, rehabilitation plan should be submitted by the District Forest Officer to upgrade the status of compensatory land by incorporating all the required activities to make it into a forest.

The Chief Conservator of Forests and Field Director has to confirm, whether the CA scheme proposed by the District Forest Officer has fulfilled the observation of the above and the CA Scheme furnished by the DFO may be accepted, whether any demarcation in the field is required, protection measures if any needed has to be included

In-addition to the above, original of hard copy of Part-II and Part-III of the proposal in three copies has not been furnished. This may be furnished.

The Chief Conservator of Forests is requested to rectify the defects and submit the proposal through online immediately.

> Sd/- H. Malleshappa, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Department)

To .

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The Chief Conservator of Forests and Deputy Director, Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve, Erode.

Copy to the District Forest Officer and Deputy Director, Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve, Sathyamangalam.

Copy to the User Agency - The Assistant Executive Engineer, Project Planning and Design Sub Division, PWD, Gobichettipalayam, Erode District, Pin code 638476.

/ True copy / By order / Senior Draughting Officer.