

Letter No.17883/FR.10/2022-4, dated: 02.11.2023

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: Forests – Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Srivilliputhur
Megamalai Tiger Reserve, Madurai Circle / Madurai Division –
Proposal (FP/TN/Road/34073/2018) for diversion of forest land of
0.1275 ha of forest land in Mannadimangalam Reserved Forests
for formation of new black top road from Vikkiramangalam
Kadupatti village in favour of Block Development Officer,
Vadipatti Panchayat Union, Vadipatti – Regarding.

- Ref:
1. Your letter No.TS4/25987/2018, dated 19.10.2022.
 2. Government letter No.17883/FR.10/2022-1, dated
01.11.2022.
 3. Your letter No.TS4/25987/2018, dated 03.04.2023.
 4. Government letter No.17883/FR.10/2022-2, dated 25.04.2023
and 16.05.2023.
 5. Your letter No.TS4/25987/2023, dated 28.07.2023.
 6. 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 5th cited and to state that as Madurai district is having a forest cover of 13.83% only, the special provisions under chapter 2.5(i)(g) as mentioned in your letter 5th cited will not be applicable. However, it is clarified in the reference sixth cited that as per the provisions of guidelines issued by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, New Delhi in its letter dated 21.08.2023, the proposals involving area upto 1 ha. are exempted from raising Compensatory Afforestation, however in such cases plantation of 10 times project affected trees, subject to minimum of 100 trees is to be undertaken in degraded forest land.

2. I am, therefore to request you to re-submit the proposal as per the clarifications issued by Government of India in the reference 6th cited to Government immediately, for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

M. Megala
3/11/2023

for Special Secretary (Forest)

3/11/23