C.No.TS3/4742/2018

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

Dated: 23.01.2019.

- Sub Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 Dharmapuri Forest Circle / Forest Division Proposal for diversion of 0.06 ha of forest land in Noolahalli and Reddihalli Reserved Forests of Dharmapuri Forest Division for the purpose of Police Wireless VHF Repeater Station in favour of Tamil Nadu Police Dharmapuri District Police Office, Collectorate, Dharmapuri Online Submission of proposal by the Superintendent of Police, District Police Office, Collectorate, Dharmapuri Regarding.
- Ref 1 Online application uploaded by the User Agency Tamil Nadu Police, Dharmapuri Superintendent of Police, District Police Office, Collectorate, Dharmapuri Pin code 636705 Proposal No. FP/TN/Others/19938/2016, dated 10.06.2016 and re-submission of proposal on 25.01.2018, 07.03.2018.
  - 2 Part II of Form A uploaded by the District Forest Officer, Dharmapuri Division, Dharmapuri on 03.07.2018
  - 3 Part III of Form A uploaded by the Chief Conservator of Forests, Dharmapuri Circle, Dharmapuri on 04.10.2018.
  - 4 District Forest Officer, Dharmapuri Division C. No. 2340/2016/D, dated 01.06.2018
  - 5 Chief Conservator of Forests, Dharmapuri Circle Endt No. 6109/2016/D, dated 03.10.2018
  - 6 Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Ref. No. TS3/4742/2018, dated 25.10.2018
  - 7 Re-submission of proposal EDS reply by the Chief Conservator of Forests, Dharmapuri Circle on 12.01.2019

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

In the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests letter 6<sup>th</sup> cited following shortcomings noticed on the proposal had been informed for rectification.

a) As per Government of India guidelines under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, if the forest area diversion is within one hectares and no felling of trees involved, Compensatory Afforestation may not be insisted.

However for the proposed diversion of 0.06 ha of forest land for non forestry purpose of Police Wireless VHF Repeater Station in Noolahalli-Reddihalli RF, the District Forest Officer has proposed compensatory afforestation scheme in twice the extent of land of degraded forest area in Noolahalli-Redihalli RF over an extent of 0.12 ha with an financial out lay of Rs. 2.32 lakhs.

The District Forest Officer has not uploaded <u>detailed CA scheme</u> for the project. As per Government of India guidelines if the Compensatory Afforestation scheme proposed, CA has to be carried out with 1000 seedlings per ha of diverted forest area with 7-10 years of maintenance.

b) However, the Chief Conservator of Forests has reported that, CA work may be insisted to an extent of 1.00 ha for monitoring purpose.

If the Chief Conservator of Forests has taken stand for implementation of CA scheme in one ha area, CA scheme for one ha has to be furnished with the project proposal, so that, CA scheme may be recommended and amount recovered from the User Agency.

c) Further, scanned copy of geo-referenced map of the proposed CA land in Noolahalli-Reddihalli RF has not been furnished by the District Forest Officer. Similarly, the DFO has not furnished copy of survey of India topo sheet indicating the boundary of forest land proposed for CA. along with GPS reading of the proposed CA plantation area. These details may be uploaded in the project proposal.

Without any rectification of above defects, the proposal has been resubmitted through online.

The Chief Conservator of Forests is requested to look into the matter and ensure that the shortcomings pointed out above may be rectified and the proposal may be resubmitted through online immediately.

Sd/- S. Yuvaraj, For Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Department)

To
The Chief Conservator of Forests, Dharmapuri Circle, Dharmapuri.
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Senior Draughting Officer.