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Letter No.17215/FR.10/2020-1, Dated. 17.12.2020

From
Dr. Shekhar Kumar Niraj, I.F.S.,
Special Secretary (Forests).

To
✓ The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Department),
Chennai-15.

Sir,

Sub: Forests – Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Dindigul Circle /
Dindigul Forest Division – Diversion of 1.68 ha. of forest land
for formation of black top road from the foot hills of L.Malaiyur
to L.Malaiyur Village – in favour of Project Director, DRDA,
Dindigul District – Regarding.

Ref: Your Letter No. TS4/31700/2017, dated 03.12.2020.

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I am directed to invite attention to your letter cited and to request you to clarify /
furnish the following:-

- a) It has been mentioned in Part IV recommendation of the proposal that the proposed project is for upgradation of black top road from the foothills of L.Malaiyur to L.Malaiyur Village of Dindigul Forest Division in Dindigul District. However, the Conservator of Forests, Dindigul in his Site Inspection report has mentioned that the proposed forest area is for formation of new BT road from Ellaparai (Foot hill of Perumalai RF) to Lingavadi Malaiyur in Permalai Reserve Forests. Hence, indicate the actual project details.
- b) The certificates of the District Forest Officer, Dindigul said to be enclosed along with your proposal has not been received. Hence, furnish the same.
- c) It is observed from the proposal (Part I) that the project involves both forest land of 1.68 ha. and non-forest land of 1.2 ha. As per para 11.3 under Chapter 11 of the Handbook of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, in case of linear projects involving both forest as well as non-forest land, User Agency

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needs to undertake that in case diversion of forest land is denied, project shall be executed along alternate alignment and work on non-forest land shall not be cited as a reason for grant of approval of diversion of forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. An undertaking to this effect may be furnished.

Yours faithfully,

S. Mohamed Yusuf
for Special Secretary (Forests)
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18/12/2020