C.No.TS4/31700 /2017

Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Head of Department), Panagal Building, Saidapet, Chennai - 15.
Dated:19.12.2020

Sub:

Forests - Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Dindigul Circle / Dindigul Forest Division - Proposal for diversion of 1.68 ha of forest land for formation of black top road from the foot hills of L.Maliyur to L.Maliyur Village - Online proposal Submission by the User Agency ie., DRDA- A.E., Natham Union Office Dindigul District on behalf of DRDA, Collectorate, Dindigul District, Pin code 624004 - Regarding.

Ref:

- District Forest Officer, Dindigul ref. No. 2439/2019/D1, dt. 12.11.2020.
- Chief Conservator of Forests, Dindigul ref. No. 7289/2017/D1, dt. 20.11.2020.
- PCCF ref.no:31700/2017 TS4 dated 03.12.2020.
 Govt.Lr.No:17215/FR-10/2020-1 dated 17.12.2020.

Copy of the Government letter in the reference 2nd cited is enclosed. The District Forest Officer, Dindigul is requested to send the following certificates (original)in triplicate immediately.

- No violation of the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 occurred in this demand.
- (ii) The proposal does not affect any monuments of historical religious and archeological of recreational importance including Wild Life Sanctuary and National Park etc..
- (iii) All required annexure and particulars pertaining to the proposal are furnished in English.
- (iv) The non-forest land to be handed over to the Forest Department for Compensatory Afforestation is suitable for raising Compensatory Afforestation works.
- (v) The requirement of forest land for the project is unavoidable and barest minimum. She is also requested to obtain an undertaking from the User Agency in triplicate that "in case of diversion of forest land is denied, the 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 forest land under F(C) Act, 1980" and send the same along with the certificates mentioned above.

Encl.: As stated above.

Sd/- A. Deivendran for Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Department)

To
The District Forest Officer, Dindigul Division, Dindigul
Copy to

1. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Dindigul Circle, Dindigul.

2. The Project Director, DRDA, Dindigul.

/True copy/ By order/

Senior Draughting Officer

By e-mail



ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS(FR.10) DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT, CHENNAI 9.

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

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,

for Special Secretary (Forests)