

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

Letter No.15941/FR.10/2020-2, Dated: 21.12.2020

From Dr. Sandeep Saxena, I.A.S., Additional Chief Secretary to Government

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

Sir,

Sub: Forests - Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Vellore Circle / Tirupathur Forest Division - Proposal for diversion of 3.439 ha of forest land in Necknamalai Reserved Forests of Tirupathur Forest Division for formation of road from Muniranvattam to Necknamalai to a length of 5.525 km in Tirupathur District in favour of Block Development Officer, Alangayam Union, Alangayam, Tirupathur District - Regarding.

Ref: From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, letter No.TS3/7022/2020, dated 11.11.2020.

I am directed to invite attention to your letter cited and to state that while recommending the proposal under Part-III, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Vellore Circle has pointed towards strong impacts, e.g., serious level impacts on Wild-life movement, water regime and forest fire. Further, abruptly, then the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Vellore) noted that a sum of Rs.20 lakhs every year from the User Agency would be required to mitigate the above, amongst others. However it is not clear how this money would be utilized to redress and mitigate the above impacts or whether it was of arbitrary? Besides in the final recommendations of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoD) the above observations are not addressed at all. I am therefore to request you to send your specific remarks on the recommendation of the Additional Principal Chief Conservator, Vellore. Further, I am also request you to analyse the possibility of providing under pass or over pass as free way for animal movement, to Government immediately on or before 23.12.2020.

Yours faithfully,

for Additional Chief Secretary to Government

21/2/2020