Dated 06.12.2024

To

Trust Secretary,
Arulmigu Malaiyandi Sastha Ayyanar Kovil,
South Araikulam - 628401,
Ottapidaram Taluk,
Thoothukudi District

Sub: Forests – Online proposal in Parivesh 1.0 No. FP/TN/Others/38898/2019 Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 – Tirunelveli Circle/Thoothukudi Division – Proposal for diversion of 0.42 Ha of Forest land to provide basic amenities to the pilgrimage who visit the Arulmigu Malaiyandi Sastha Ayyanar Kovil – Query – Regarding

Ref: MoEFCC letter no.F.No.4-TNB081/2022-CHN/267 dated 11th March, 2022

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With respect to the above subject, the reply received from the user agency is contradictory with respect to field report received from Forest Range Officer via letter dated 28.08.2024

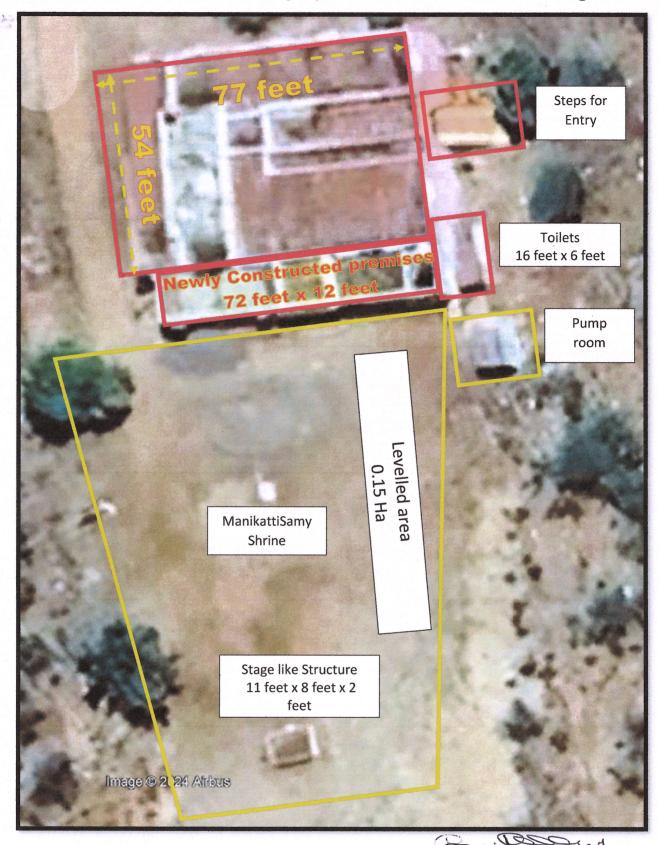
- 1.In the EDS raised by MoEFCC letter no.F.No.4-TNB081/2022-CHN/267 dated 11th March, 2022 serial no.b "As per the temple authorities, the original temple was constructed with old rubble masonry wall around the temple. But additional concrete building block (1298 sq.ft as per DSS estimate) was constructed in Northern boundary and a small pump room(59 sq.ft as per DSS estimate) was also constructed, but its year of construction is not known to the officials . it needs to be confirmed". Submit details about it 's year of construction and any valid permission taken from Forest Department for such concrete construction inside the Reserve Forests.
- 2.One additional concrete toilet block of dimension 16x6 feet is present at the eastern side of the temple block. Submit details about it 's year of construction and any valid permission taken from Forest Department for such concrete construction inside the Reserve Forests.
- 3.In the EDS raised by MoEFCC letter no.F.No.4-TNB081/2022-CHN/267 dated 11th March, 2022 serial no.d " The Forest tract is a dry tract receives very less rainfall and having thorny vegetation. Hence during fire season adequate protection shall be ensured" Rituals inside temple premises include fire(deepam) chances of Forest fire is unavoidable under these circumstances. Submit details of fire protection measures undertaken to prevent such accidents.

Sd/-Revti Raman District Forest Officer Thoothukudi Division Thoothukudi

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Superintendent October

Field Inspection Report of Malaiyandi Sastha Ayyanar Kovil in Chalikulam West Reserve Forests in Ottapidaram Section of Thoothukudi Range



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