

**TAMIL NADU FOREST DEPARTMENT**

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To

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of  
Forests,  
Vellore Circle,  
Vellore

Sir,

**C.No. 1173 /2020 D dated 31.08.2020**

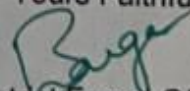
Sub : Forest (Conservation) Act 1980- Vellore Forest Circle/Tirupattur Forest Division – Proposal for Diversion of 3.439 ha of forest land in Necknamalai Reserved Forests of Tirupattur Division for formation of road from Muniranvattam to Nekknamalai length 5.525km through Necknamalai Reserved Forests in Alangayam Range of Tirupattur Forest Division - Hard copy of Part II of Form-A uploaded by the District Forest Officer – Submitting - reg

- Ref : 1) Online application uploaded by the user agency – Block development officer, Alangayam, Vellore District Proposal No.FP/TN/Road/41790/2019 dated 12.02.2020 Resubmission of proposal by the user agency on 24.03.2020
- 2) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests ref.No.TS3/7022/2020 dated 27.02.2020 and 26.05.2020
- 3) Part II of Form A uploaded by the District Forest Officer, Tirupattur Division on 25.08.2020
- 4) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Vellore ref.No. 4257/2020 dated 31.08.2020

I submit that as per the instruction issued by the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests reference 4<sup>th</sup> cited above, I enclose herewith the revised site inspection report for diversion of 3.439 ha of forest land in Necknamalai Reserved Forests of Tirupattur Division for formation of road from Muniranvattam to Necknamalai length 5.525km through Necknamalai Reserved Forests in Alangayam Range of Tirupattur Forest Division under Forest (Conservation) Act 1980.

This is for kind submission.

Yours Faithfully

  
District Forest Officer (I/c),  
Tirupattur Division.

Encl : As stated above

### Site Inspection Report

A proposal has been submitted by the User Agency "Block Development Officer, Alangayam" through online web portal for the diversion of forest land to an extent of 3.439 hec for the formation of road from Muniranvattam to Neckanamalai (0/0 to 5/525) to a length of 5.525 kms and a width of 6 mts in Neckanamalai RF of Alangayam Range under Forest (Conservation) Act 1980. we received the confirmation on 13.08.2020. A detailed field inspection was undertaken along with the Forest Range Officer, Alangayam on 17.08.2020 in connection with the above proposal. The details of the site inspection report is furnished as below.

### Background

The village Neckanamalai is located at the plateau surface on the top of the Neckanamalai hillock which forms part of the Jawadhi series of Eastern Ghats. The village is lying at an average altitude of 700-800 Mts above MSL with a coordinate N12.691206, E 78.67102. About 650 people are residing on this hillock with an extent of 150 acres of agricultural land. The village is under the administrative jurisdiction of Alangayam Block , Vaniyambadi Taluk in Tirupattur District in Tamil Nadu. This village is located at the top of the hillock surrounded on all sides by Reserve Forests.

A small foot path with a length of 2.564 kms and a width of 2 mts was allowed as right of way by Forest Settlement Officer under Sec 16 of Tamil Nadu Forest Act and this foot path is serving as the only connectivity between the plain and the hill. Hence, proper communication, transportation with the places on the plain was found difficult by the people. The educational institutions, hospital and any other emergency services in plain were not easily accessible to this remote village. The villagers could not get enough employment opportunities in this remote hillock which adversely affected their socio economic conditions. Therefore, the road connectivity is inevitable for these villagers for their comprehensive development.

### Legal status of the land

The area in which the project is proposed is a reserved forest area named as Neckanamalai Reserved Forest which was notified vide government orders 37441(1) 80-4 Forest and Fisheries Department, dated 26.08.1980. with an extent of 741.90 hec.

### Project details.

The project envisages formation of road starting from Muniranvattam, a village located beneath the hillock runs upward to the plateau on the hillock where Nekknamalai village is situated. The proposed length of the road is 5525 meters (0/0 to 5/525) and width of 6 mtrs Hence, the total area of Forest required for the above project is 3.439 hec.

SL. No	Description	Proposed area details		
		Length in mts	Width in mts	Total area in ha
1	Formation of road	5525	6	3.439
	Total			3.439

The User Agency stated that they are withdrawing online proposal (Proposal No. FP/TN/ROAD/11252/2015), since the length of 2.70 kms in the forest land is not sufficient to provide the ruling gradient, heavy vehicles and buses cannot ply in the road. Hence the user agency now submit the fresh proposal for the above said road.

### Vegetation and wildlife

The Necknamalai Reserve Forest which is situated on the hillock is just 2 kms away from National Highway No 48. The soil is highly eroded in the outer slopes exposing huge boulders and sheet rocks. The soil is highly impoverished with not much of moisture retaining capacity, small stones and pebbles are spread over the area in reserved forest leaving not much of space for green cover. The tropical thorn and scrub forest type is found on the hillock with canopy density < 10%. The upper portion of the hillock is covered with Cymbo pogon grass only. The Wildlife present in and around the forest land proposed for diversion as below:

#### a) List of mammals:

- Sambar deer,
- Wild boars,
- Hares,
- Jungle cats,
- Civet cats

#### b) List of reptiles:

- Indian rock python,
- Russell's viper,
- Saw scaled Viper,
- Rat snake,
- Bronze snake

- Sand boa,
- Red sand boa,
- Vine snake,
- Startled cobra ,
- Monitor lizard

c) List of birds:

- Asian koel,
- Brahminy myna,
- Hill myna,
- Bull-bull,
- Spotted dove
- Greater racket tailed drongo,
- Peacock,
- Peafowls.

Considering the nature of the forest type and density, this forest type comes under Eco-Class IV consisting of Tropical Thorn Forests and Tropical Dry Evergreen Forest and eco value as open forest category.

Compensatory land details.

An extent of 7.00 Hec of land has been identified as compensatory land for afforestation purpose in Vinnamangalam village of Ambur Taluk in Tirupattur District which was already transferred by the Revenue department vide G.O (D). No. 351 Revenue Dept. dt. 09.08.2002 and which is already notified u/s 4 of Tamilnadu Forest Act 1882 vide G.O.Ms. No. 79 E & F (FR-14) Dept. dated 23.06.17. The details are furnished below.

Total extent of land Transferred from Revenue Dept.		
in Vinnamangalam Village	}	= 51.83 Ha
Actual area required for CA in Vellakkal Kanar project		= 20.45 Ha
Excess area of land which is already diverted to Forest Dept.		= 31.38 Ha
Area Now identified as CA by the District Collector		= 7.00 Ha

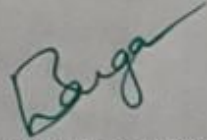
SLNo	SF No and total Extent	Extent of diverted Area proposed for CA (in Ha)	Village	Taluk	Remarks
1	416/1 - 51.83 Ha	7.00	Vinnamangalam	Ambur Tk, Tirupattur Dt.	Notified u/s 4 of Tamilnadu Forest Act 1882 vide G.O.Ms. No. 79 E & F (FR-14) Dept. dated 23.06.17

The proposed area is not close to any National Park or wildlife sanctuary. Further this proposed project involves 130 Nos of trees to be enumerated after getting prior approval from the Green tribunal as listed below.

S. No.	Scientific Name	Local Name	0-30 cm	31-60 cm.	61-90 cm	91-120 cm.	121-150 cm.	(>150) cm.	Remarks
1	Acacia leucophloea	Velvelam	6	72	11	0	0	0	Planted
2	Wrightia Tingtoria	Veppalai	2	3	1	0	0	0	Spontaneous
3	Albezzia Amara	Thuringi	3	6	0	0	0	0	Spontaneous
4	Pongamia Pinnata	Pungan	1	0	0	0	0	0	Spontaneous
5	Cassia Fistula	Konnai	1	3	0	0	0	0	Spontaneous
6	Butea Monosperma	Poovarasu	0	0	1	0	0	0	Spontaneous
7	Others	Pachali	0	2	1	0	0	0	Spontaneous
8	Others	Kuthi	4	13	0	0	0	0	Spontaneous

No. of Planted trees – 89, No. of Spontaneous trees – 41, Totally 130 No of trees

The Necknamalai road is most important and longtime expectations to the Necknamalai villagers and public. Hence the case may be approved with usual conditions.

  
District Forest Officer (I/c),  
Tirupattur Division,