# TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

From
Dr.P.Durairasu, I.F.S.,
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)
Panagal Maaligai, Saidapet,
Chennai - 600 015.

To
The Addl.Chief Secretary to Government,
Environment and Forests Department,
Secretariat,
Chennai 9.

# C.No.TS4/39100/2019 Dated:03.08.2020

Sub:

Forests - Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 — Madurai Circle / Theni Division - Proposal for diversion of 2.79 ha (now revised as 2.839 Ha) of forest land for the improvement work of Theni Bye-pass road connecting Dindigul-Theni road and Madurai-Cochin road across Valkaradu Reserved Forest — Online proposal submission by the User Agency ie. The Divisional Engineer, Highways Construction and Maintenance Theni - Regarding.

Ref:

- Online application uploaded by the User Agency The Divisional Engineer, Highways Construction and Maintenance, Theni dated: 07.08.2019 (FP/TN/Road/41255/2019)
- 2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forest's Ref.No: TS4/39100/2019 dated 20.03.2020
- 4. Govt. letter No:6353/FR10/2020-1 dated 28.05.2020
- 5. PCCF&APCCF(FAC)Madurai Letter No:9688/2019/D1 dated 09.07.2020.
- District Forest Officer, Theni C.No:7304/2013/D dated 06.07.2020.
   DE, Highways C.No:25/2020/JDO dated 02.07.2020.

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With reference to the Government, Lr. in the reference 3<sup>rd</sup> cited, I wish to state that regarding the clarification on the issue of permission to 3<sup>rd</sup> reach for improvement and re-gradation vide PCCF's letter dated 27.08.2013,the existing road was already formed prior to F(C)Act 1980 and with reference to GOI guidelines, the District Forest Officer, Theni has been permitted to issue necessary permission to the DE, Highways, Theni for the improvement of existing Theni Bye-Pass road within the existing length of 662m and width of 12m in Valkaradu RF without violation of F(c)Act 1980,Tamilnadu Forest Act 1882,Wildlife Protection Act 1972 and Government of India guidelines. Copy of PCCF Lr.No:TS1/34967/2013 dated 27.08.2013 is enclosed.

Regarding Wildlife movement in the proposed area, as per District Forest Officer, Theni and Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Madurai report it is stated that, there is no possibilities to make a provision for underpass or overpass for free movement of the Wildlife, however as an alternative the User Agency has proposed to control the speed limit of road traffic, by providing caution boards, reflection boards and other suitable measures to safe guard the wildlife.

Copy of the letters received from the user agency, District Forest Officer, Theni and the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FAC), Madurai are enclosed. I request that the orders of Government of India may be obtained and communicated early.

Encl.: as above

Yours faithfully,

for Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)

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Sir,

- Theni road and Madurai - Cochin road across Valkaradu Reserved Forest - Reg.

1 Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai, Ref.No. Ref: TS4/39100/2019, Dt.22.08.2019

- 2 Government Lr.No.6353/FR10/2020-1, Dt.28.05.2020 Communicated in Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai, Ref.No.TS4/39100/2019, Dt.01.06.2020
- 3 The Divisional Engineer, Highways Ref.No. 25/2020/J.D.Dt.02.07.2020.
- 4 District Forest Officer, Theni. Ref.No. D/7304/2019, Dt. 23.06.2020 and 06.07.2020

I submit that the report called for in the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests letter 2nd cited has been received from the District Forest Officer, Theni vide reference 4th cited, The District Forest Officer, Theni has reported that there is no possibilities to make a provision for underpass or overpass for free movement of the wildlife. Alternatively they are proposing to control the speed limit of road traffic by providing caution boards and reflection board to safeguard the wildlife

The copy of the District Forest Officer, Theni reference is enclosed herewith for favour of necessary action.

Encl: As stated above

Yours Faithfully

For Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Madurai Circle, Madurai.

## TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

From

Thiru. S. Gowtham, I.F.S.,

District Forest officer,

Theni Forest Division,

Theni.

To

The Additional Principal

Chief Conservator of Forests.

Madurai Circle,

Madurai.

### C. No. 7304/2019/D dated 23/06/2020

Sir,

Sub:-

9688/19 9688/1 Forests – Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Madurai Circle, Theni Forest Division – Proposal for diversion of 2.839 ha of forest land for the Improvement Work of Theni Bye-pass road connecting Dindigul – Theni road and Madurai – Cochin road across Valkaradu Reserved Forest – Online proposal submission by the User Agency ie. The Divisional Engineer, Highways Construction and Maintenance Theni. – Regarding.

- The Divisional Engineer, Highways Construction and Maintenance, Theni dated: 13.04.2018. (FP/TN/Road/41255/2019)
- The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest's Ref. No. TS4/39100/2019 dated 04.12.2019 & 01.06.2020
- 3. Environment & Forests (FR.10) Department, Secretariat, Chennai Govt.Lr.No.6353/F10/2020/1 dated 28.05.2020
- 4. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Madurai Circle, Madurai Endt.No.9688/2019/D1 dated 20.06.2020

With reference to the above subject, I submit that the proposal for improvement and re-gradation of road IIIrd reach from Theni Bus Stand to Madurai – Cochin NH road for a length of 662 mts and a width of 12 mts (ie) 0.7944 Ha permission was accorded vide Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai order C.No. TS1/34967/2013 dated 27.08.2013 is enclosed herewith.

This is for favor of Kind information.

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully, S. Gowtham District Forest Officer, Theni.

/t.c.b.o./

Superintendent, 2020

C. No. TS1/34967/2013

Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Panagal Maaligai, Saidapet, Chennai - 15.

Dated: 27.08.2013.

Sub: Road - Theni District - Improvement of Theni Bypass road from 3/6 - 4/4 km, by Highways, Theni - permission for improvement of Theni Bypass road (Regradation works) requested - regarding.

Ref: 1. Divisional Engineer, Highways, Construction and Maintenance, Theni letter No. 25/2013 JDO2, dated: 07.08.2013 and 19.08 2013

 Conservator of Forests, Madurai C.No. 10998/2013/D1, dated: 20.08.2013.

3. District Forest Officer, Theni C.No. 7304/2013 D, dated: 19.08.2013.

In the reference 1st cited Divisional Engineer, Highways, Theni has requested permission to improvement and Regradation of existing Theni Bypass road in 3/6 - 4/4 km to a length of 662 m within the existing road width of 12m in Valkaradu RF.

In the reference 2nd and 3rd cited the District Forest Officer, Theni and the Conservator of Forests, Madurai has recommended to improve the forest road over a distance of 662 m and to a width of 12 m in Valkaradu RF and also stated that existing road was already formed prior to Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 and it is being utilized for the public use till today. The District Forest Officer has inspected the proposed regradation of Theni by pass road in Valkaradu RF on 08.08.2013 along with Forest Range Office, Theni field staffs and observed that the works on regradation of Theni bye pass road does not involve any tree cutting. For improving the above said road most of the people will be benefited and it will provide easy and safe movement of vehicles, public transport buses and other road users and it will ensure the safety of public.

The proposals and recommendations of the District Forest Officer, Theni and the Conservator of Forests, Madurai has been examined with reference to the Government of India guideline and relevant records and the District Forest Officer, Theni Division is permitted to issue necessary permission to the Divisional Engineer, Highways, Theni for improvement of the existing Theni Bye pass road within the existing length of 662 m and a width of 12 meter in Valkaradu RF without violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, Tamil Nadu Forest Act, 1882, Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and Government of India guidelines with following conditions.

- 1. No tree felling should be allowed.
- No widening of road should be undertaken without obtaining prior permission 2. from Government of India.
- No damages should be caused to Flora and Fauna. 3 .
- No breaking of fresh forest land should be done. 4
- No fire for melting of coal tar and mixing shall be caused in the forest lands. 5
- No labour camps shall be established on the forestlands. 6.
- 7 No work shall be allowed after sunset.
- 8. The User Agency should not claim the right for this road in future.
- 9. The District Forest Officer may add any other condition if necessary as per rules and acts in force.
- The Divisional Engineer, Highways should ensure all the Government of India 10. rules and State Government acts are followed without any violation.

Sd/- S. Yuvaraj.

for Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force)

To

The District Forest Officer, Theni Division, Theni.

The Conservator of Forests, Madurai Circle, Madurai.

The Divisional Engineer, Highways, Construction and Maintenance, Theni.

TS1 Stock file.

/True copy/By order/

#### TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

From

Thiru. S. Gowtham, I.F.S.,

District Forest officer,

Theni Forest Division,

Theni.

To

The Additional Principal

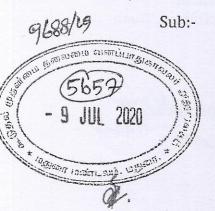
Chief Conservator of Forests,

Madurai Circle,

Madurai.

## C. No. 7304/2013/D dated 06/07/2020

Sir,



Forests – Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Madurai Circle, Theni Forest Division – Proposal for diversion of 2.839 ha of forest land for the Improvement Work of Theni Bye-pass road connecting Dindigul – Theni road and Madurai – Cochin road across Valkaradu Reserved Forest – Online proposal submission by the User Agency ie. The Divisional Engineer, Highways Construction and Maintenance Theni. – Regarding.

- Ref:- 1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest's Ref. No. TS4/39100/2019 dated 01.06.2020
  - 2. Environment & Forests (FR.10) Department, Secretariat, Chennai Govt.Lr.No.6353/F10/2020/1 dated 28.05.2020
  - 3. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Madurai Circle, Madurai Endt.No.9688/2019/D1 dated 20.06.2020 & 27.06.2020
  - 4. District Forest Officer, Theni Forest Division, C.No.7304/2019/D dated 02/07/2020
  - 5. The Divisional Engineer, Highways C.No. 25/2020/J.D.O/ dated 02.07.2020

With reference to the above subject, I submit that the Divisional Engineer, Highways was requested to send his detailed remarks on provisions for underpass or overpass for free movement of wildlife vide  $4^{th}$  cited.

Divisional Engineer, Highways in reference 5<sup>th</sup> cited has reported that there is no possibilities to make a provision for underpass or overpass for free movement of the wildlife. Alternatively they are proposing to control the speed limit of road traffic by providing caution boards and reflection board to safeguard the wildlife.

It is brought to your kind notice that the road is an existing road which was constructed before year 1980 and now the User Agency has submitted the proposal for only widening. The Divisional Engineer, Highways report is attached for further action.

This is for favor of Kind information.

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully, S. Gowtham District Forest Officer, Theni.

/t.c.b.o/

Superintendent.

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திரு.இ.முருகேசன்.எம்.டெக்., கோட்டப்பொறியாளர், நெடுஞ்சாலைத்துறை, கட்டுமானம் மற்றும் புராமரிப்பு, ()) பெறுநர்

மாவட்ட வன அலுவலர், மாவட்ட வன அலுவலகம், தேனி

அப்பா, JUL 2020 \*

ந.க.எண்: 25 /2020/இ.வ.அ/ நாள்: 02.07.2020.

தேனி (நெ) க(ம)ப கோட்டம் - தேனி (நெ) க(ம)ப உட்கோட்டம்- தேனி புறவழிச்சாலை கி.மீ.0/0-4/4 வரை அமைந்துள்ள இடத்தில் மேம்படுத்தும் பணிக்கு -வனத்துறை அனுமதி - தொடர்பாக.

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மாவட்ட வனஅலுவலர், தேனி அவர்களின் கடித எண்:C.No.7304/2019/D dated 2/07/2020.

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பார்வையில் காணும் கடிதத்தின்படி இக்கோட்டத்தைச் சார்ந்த தேனி புறவழிச்சாலை கி.மீ.0/0-4/4 வரை உள்ள சாலை மிகவும் முக்கிய சாலையாகும். மத்திய பேருந்து நிலையம் இப்பகுதியில் அமைந்திருப்பதாலும் நகரில் உள்ள பல சாலைகள் இதில் இணைக்கப்பட்டுள்ளதாகும். பள்ளிகள், கல்விச்சாலைகள், நிறுவனங்கள் மற்றும் தொழிற்பேட்டை (SIPCOT) அமைந்துள்ளது. இச்சாலை வழியாக தற்போது போக்குவரத்து அதிகமாக நடைபெற்று வருகிறது.

பொதுவாகன போக்குவரத்துகள் அதிகமாக நடைபெறுவதால் வனவிலங்குகள் செல்வதற்கு மேல்மட்டப்பாலமோ, அடிமட்டப்பாலமோ அமைத்துக்கொள்வதற்குறிய சாத்தியக்கூறுகள் மேலும், வனவிலங்குகள் பாதிக்கப்படாதவாறு தெரிவித்துக்கொள்ளப்படுகிறது. போக்குவரத்து வேகத்தை கட்டுப்படுத்துவதற்கு எச்சரிக்கை பலகைகள், ஒளிரும் பட்டைகள் அமைத்து வனவிலங்குகளின் நடமாட்டத்திற்கு எவ்விதபாதிப்பும் ஏற்படாதவாறு தகுந்த நடவடிக்கைகள் மேற்கொண்டு, சாலை மேம்பாடு செய்தல் மற்றும் பராமரிப்ப பணிகள் மேற்கொள்ளப்படும் என தெரிவித்துக்கொள்ளப்படுகிறது .

> ஒம்/- இ.முருகேசன். கோட்டப்பொறியாளர், நெடுஞ்சாழை, க(ம)ப,தேனி.

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02/07/20.

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

Letter No.6353/FR.10/2020-1, Dated: 28.05.2020

From Thiru. Deepak Srivastava, I.F.S., Special Secretary (Forests).

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

Sir,

Forests - Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Madurai Circle / Sub: Theni Division- Diversion of 2.839 ha. of forest land for the improvement work of Theni Bye-pass road connecting Dindigul-Theni road and Madurai-Cochin road across Valkaradu RF - in favour of Divisional Engineer, Highways Construction and Maintenance, Theni- Regarding.

Ref: Your Letter No.TS4/39100/2019, dated 20.03.2020.

I am directed to invite attention to your letter cited and to request you to clarify how permission was accorded vide your Letter No.TS1/34967/2013, dated 27.08.2013 for the improvement and re-gradation of road 3<sup>rd</sup> reach from Theni Bus Stand to Madurai-Cochin when there was a violation of Forest (Conservation) Act in the existence of the Theni bye pass road in Valkaradu Reserve Forests. Also a copy of the said letter dated 27.08.2013

2. Further, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Madurai Circle, Madurai in his inspection report has reported that there are movement of wildlife in particular smaller mammals and nocturnal ones across the existing road to access the opposite sides of the Valkaradu Reserve Forests. Hence, you are requested to make a provision for underpass or overpass for free movement of the wildlife as was done in other

Yours faithfully,

for Special Secretary (F