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TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

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To

The Principal Secretary to Government,  
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C. No. TS3/27219/2021 Dated: 05 .02.2025.

Sir,

Sub: Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Proposal for diversion of 4.81 ha of forest land in Kesarkuli RF and Thirumalvadi RL for formation of road from Seenkadu to Allakatu via Erimalai village in Dharmapuri Forest Division to a length of 6415m and to a width of 7.50m in Dharmapuri District in favour of the Block Development Officer BP, Pennagaram Union, Pennagaram, Dharmapuri District - Proposal forwarded – EDS raised on the proposal by the Government of India - Regarding.

- Ref: 1 Online forest clearance proposal uploaded by the Block Development Officer BP, Pennagaram Union, Pennagaram, Dharmapuri District, Pin code 636 801 Proposal No. FP/TN/Road/37291/2018
- 2 Part-II of Form-A uploaded by the District Forest Officer, Dharmapuri Division
- 3 Part-III of Form-A uploaded by the Conservator of Forests, Dharmapuri Circle
- 4 Principal Chief Conservator of Forests reference No. TS3/27219/2021, dated 28.06.2023 and 22.11.2023
- 5 Government letter No. 5141781/FR.10/2023-2, dated 07.12.2023
- 6 Government of India, MoEF&CC, RO Chennai letter F. No. 4-TNB116/2023-CHN/04, dated 01.01.2024
- 7 Government letter No. 5141781/FR.10/2023-3, dated 19.01.2024
- 8 Principal Chief Conservator of Forests reference No. TS3/27219/2021, dated 05.04.2024
- 9 Government of India, MoEF&CC, RO Chennai letter F. No. 4-TNB116/2023-CHN/1139, dated 29.07.2024



- 10 Government letter No. 5141781/FR.10/2023-5, dated 22.08.2024
- 11 Resubmission of proposal by the user agency in parivesh portal on 21.01.2025
- 12 Resubmission of proposal in parivesh portal on 23.01.2025

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With reference to the Government letter 10<sup>th</sup> cited and EDS raised by the Government of India in parivesh portal on 29.07.2024, I wish to state the following.

1) As per the observations made by the Government of India, the user agency has revised the requirement of forest area for the project so as to reduce the number of trees to be felled in the project, which are spontaneous trees growth.

a) Total length of the road is 6384.0m and the road formation work is being proposed as follows

- i) Reach-01 3166.50m length and 6.00m width and area of 18999.00 sq.m
- ii) Reach-02 for 1699.50m length and 6.00m width and area of 10197.00 sq.m
- iii) Reach-03 for 1518.50m length and 5.00m width and area of 7592.50 sq.m
- iv) Add for curves 37 nos x 250 sq.m area = 9250 sq.m

Total area of 46038.50 sq.m or 4.61 ha.

b) Accordingly, the user agency has uploaded the revised justification report for the project, revised area requirement details, District Collector certificate under Forest Rights Act, 2006 in the Part-I of Form-A.

c) KML file has been uploaded for 2.45 ha, 1.26 h and 0.90 ha area in three reach areas including the areas required for curves in the proposed road alignment path.

2) Based on the revised forest area required for the project, the user agency has modified the kml file of non-forest land to 9.92 ha in Kammampattyy village in Dharmapuri District. Revised proceeding of the District Collector on allotment of revised area for the project, revised Adangal register extract have been uploaded in the parivesh portal.

3) Based on the revision made the extent of forest area required for the project, the number of trees to be felled in the proposed road alignment reverified and marked on the trees for identification. There are cumulatively 124 numbers of trees to be felled. In that, there are 46 numbers of trees are presence from Seenkadu to Erimalai



(6m width) and there are 78nos of trees are presence from Erimalai to Alakkattu (5mtr width). These trees details were updated in additional information details section in form A of PART II in Parivesh 1.0.

4) The District Forest Officer, Dharmapuri Division has proposed revised Compensatory Afforestation over 20.00 Ha in the identified degraded forest area of Kavaramalai Extension Reserved Forest of Morappur Range in Dharmapuri Forest Division. The necessary documents such as CA land suitability certificate, Geo map, SOI map, CA Scheme estimates were updated in the additional information details section of Part-III of Form-A. This degraded forest area has bisons and spotted deers. Thus, necessary chain link fencing will be erected for protection purposes as well as to avoid Cattle and biotic disturbances. Also, for effective water supply Drip irrigation system is provided. For this purpose, the User agency has given necessary undertaking for payment of cost for Compensatory Afforestation Scheme as fixed by the forest department.

a) However, there is no option provided in Part-II of Form-A for uploading the kml file of alternate compensatory area identified for the project apart from the non-forest land identified by the user agency as compensatory land.

5) The User Agency has applied the online proposal seeking Wildlife clearance vide WL/TN/SRY/430594/2023, dated.24.05.2023. Now this proposal is under scrutiny with the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden, Chennai. The ESZ notification for CSWLS is not yet notified by the Government. Hence, the approval under District Committee need not be obtained.

6) The necessary site specific Wildlife Mitigation Plan has been prepared by the District Forest Officer based on the wildlife movement observed in the area. Elephants, Spotted deers, monkeys, Wildboar, etc., presence are noticed in the proposed road alignment lies in Kesarkuli Reserved Forest of Palacode Range. This Mitigation plan will be implemented based on the approval of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden, Chennai.

7) Further, I wish to state that, the user agency has reported that, in Parivesh portal, area details already uploaded under Section A-1 viii, B2.1, B2.2 and C-i could not be edited and modified in Part-I of Form-A.



a) Similarly, in Part-II of Form-A, under section, 1-iv, area details could not be modified.

8) The District Forest Officer, Dharmapuri Division has uploaded the revised site inspection report. Since revised recommendation of the proposal could not be uploaded in the recommendation section, revised recommendation of the proposal uploaded in the additional information details section.

a) Revised recommendation of the proposal could not be uploaded for the Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer in the parivesh portal.

I request that the revised proposal furnished for diversion of 4.61 ha of forest land for formation of road from Seenkadu to Allakatu via Erimalai village in Dharmapuri Forest Division to a length of 6384m in favour of Block Development Officer BP, Pennagaram Union, Pennagaram, Dharmapuri District may be considered and approval of Government of India may be obtained.

Yours faithfully

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