## TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

From:

To:

Dr. Guruswamy Dabbala, I.F.S., District Forest Officer, Madurai Forest Division, Madurai - 02

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Head of Forest Force) Forest Head Quarters, Guindy, Velachery Main Road, Near Kannigapuram Check Post, Chennai 600 032.

## (Through Proper Channel)

The Chief Conservator of Forests and Field Director, Srivilliputhur Tiger Reserve, Madurai

C.No. 4289/2018/D1 Dated: 04.07.2023

Sir,

Sub: Forests - Forest Conservation Act 1980 - SMTR Madurai Circle and Division - Proposal for diversion of 0.1275 ha of Forest Land for formation of new black top road from Vickramangalam Kadupatti village through Mannadimangalam RF- report submitted - regarding.

Ref: 1. Government Letter No.17883/FR-X/2022-2 Dated: 25.04.2023.

- 2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Head of Forest Force), Chennai C.No.TS4/25987/2018, Dated: 26.04.2023 and 30.05.2023.
- 3. The District Forest Officer, Madurai Ref.No.D1/4289/2018 Dated: 12.05.2023.

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I wish to inform that in the Government reference 1st cited it has requested to clarify the reason for non-submission of Compensatory Afforestation Scheme for the project proposal diversion of 0.1275 ha of Forest land in Mannadimangalam Reserve Forest for formation of new black top road from Vickramangalam to Kadupatti Village. The reply submitted to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) through proper channel for the query raised by the Government in the reference 3rd cited (Copy enclosed).

In this continuation the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) has requested to go through the chapter 2.5 of Hand book on Forest Conservation Act guidelines 2019 and prepare and upload the details of Compensatory Afforestation Scheme in the degraded forest Land for the said project proposal. Whereas as per 2.5 special provision for Compensatory Afforestation for certain categories at projects.

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Construction of link roads, small water works, minor irrigation works, school building, dispensaries, hospital, tiny rural industrial sheds of the Government or any other similar work excluding mining and encroachment cases, which directly benefit the people of the area in hill districts and in other districts having Forest area exceeding 50% of the total geographical area, provided diversion of Forest area does not exceed 20 ha.

It is also informed that the District of the Madurai Forest Division having Forest area (Forest cover -13.83%) not exceeding 50% at the total Geographical area and the diversion of the forest area is 0.1275 ha not more than 20 ha. The proposed road for formation of new black top road from Vikramangalam to Kadupatti Village is situated within the area of Vikramangalam town limits. There is no standing trees or vegetation in the proposed area of 0.1275 ha in and adjacent by Hence there is no tree felling involved in the proposed said area.

I request that the path is being used by public and is a long pending demand from local people. It is that the development of existing path into Black top road (length – 150 Rmt and Width – 8.5 Mtr) does not involved felling of trees or affect wildlife directly as road is covered by houses on both sides and there is no perceptible, threat to flora and fauna or adversive impact on surroundings. I request for consideration of proposal that is already sent to Government at the earliest.

Yours faithfully
Sd/-Guruswamy D,
District Forest Officer,
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Copy Submitted to the Chief Conservator of Forests and Field Director, Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve Forest, Madurai.

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