

TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

From

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To

The Additional Chief Secretary to
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C. No. TS3/7022/2020 Dated: 12.02.2021.

Sir,

Sub: Forests - Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Vellore Circle /
Tirupathur Forest Division – Proposal for diversion of 3.439 ha of
forest land in Necknamalai Reserved Forests of Tirupathur Forest
Division for formation of road from Muniranvattam to
Necknamalai to a length of 5.525 km in Tirupathur District in
favour of Block Development Officer, Alangayam Union,
Alangayam Tirupathur District – Additional details called for -
Regarding.

- Ref:
1. Proposal submitted by the user agency - Block Development Officer, Alangayam, Tirupathur District in proposal no. FP/TN/Road/47745/2020
 2. Part-II of Form A uploaded by the District Forest Officer, Tirupathur Division and EDS replies uploaded in web portal
 3. Part-III of Form A uploaded by the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Vellore Circle and EDS replies uploaded in web portal
 4. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests C No. TS3/7022/2020, dated 11.11.2020 and 04.12.2020
 5. Government letter No. 15941/FR.10/2020-2, dated 21.12.2020
 6. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests C No. TS3/7022/2020, dated 11.11.2020 and 27.01.2021
 7. Government letter No. 15941/FR.10/2020-2, dated 11.02.2021

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With reference to the Government letter 7th cited above, I wish to state the following.

i) As per the justification report furnished by the user agency, nearly 650 people of Necknamalai will be benefitted with easy transportation for their needs and transportation of goods.

ii) Necknamalai village located beneath the hillock runs upward to the plateau on the hillock. So far, the villagers commute at present by utilizing the right of way allowed by walk and two wheeler. No public transportation is available due to non existence of pacca road.

iii) As per the details furnished in the Part-II of Form-A, Wild boar, hares, civet cat and few species of reptiles are available in and around the forests land proposed for diversion and the area does not form part of National Park, Wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, elephant corridor, wildlife mitigation corridor etc., Further, the area has not been located in the Eco-sensitive zone of the protected areas. There is no rare/endangered / unique species of flora and fauna found in the area.

iv) Then Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Vellore Circle has recommended for allotment of funds of Rs. 20 lahs per annum by the user agency to prevent/minimize forest fires, man animal conflicts, providing in-situ drinking water to animals to prevent them going in search of water and to facilitate natural vegetation.

For the diversion of forest land for the welfare purpose of formation of roads by Rural Development Department/ State Highways Department / Natopnal Highways Authority of India, no such condition has been imposed so far.

Considering the long standing demand of road connectivity to the hill village special condition of allotting Rs. 20.00 lakhs per annum by the user agency has not been imposed.

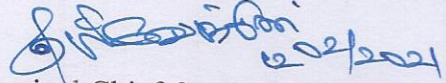
v) Regular and temporary employment to be generated in the scheme has been furnished by the user agency considering the estimated cost of the project and man days to be generated in the road formation work. By providing regular road connectivity, the hill villagers may get regular employment in the plains as well as improved agricultural activity in their village.

vi) Considering the long standing demand of hill villagers for their road connectivity to the plains, this proposal has been processed based on the details furnished by the user agency being an Government Department. Ie., Rural Development Department.

vii) Further, I wish to state that forest clearance proposal already furnished in proposal No. FP/TN/Road/11252/2015 had been withdrawn by the user agency citing the reason that new proposal will be furnished in the revised alignment to provide rolling gradient and the Government of India has also revoked the Stage I clearance accorded for the project proposal. (Government file No. 13153/FR.10/2018).

Hence the revised forest clearance proposal furnished by the user agency may be considered and approval of Government of India may be obtained.

Yours faithfully



For Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Department)

12/04/2024