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To

Conservator of Forests,
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C.No.7967/ 2018/D Dated : 12-09-2022

(பிலவ, ஆவணி- , திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு 2053)

Sir,

Sub : Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 – Proposal for diversion of 5.00 ha of Forest land in Kesarkuli Reserved Forest of Palacode Range in Dharmapuri Forest Division for formation of road from Thimmalanmedu to Kotturmalai village to a length of 6.00km and to a width of 7.5mtr in Dharmapuri Forest Division of Dharmapuri District – Additional details – Called for – Submission of - Regarding.

Ref : 1 This Office Ref.No.7967/2018/D Dated.27.04.2022
2 The Conservator of Forests , Dharmapuri Circle,
C.No.5268/2019/D Dated.05.05.2022
3 Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Chennai. Ref.No.TS3 / 31973 / 2019, Dated.17-06-2022
4 The Government of India , MoEF&CC F.No.4- TNB091/2022-CHN/900 Dated.23.08.2022
5 The Block Development Officer , Pennagaram. ROC.No.1435/2019/R2. Dated.02.09.2022

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With reference to the above subject , I submit specific remarks as follows for your kind perusal and approval.

- a. In online application the UA mentioned 4.15 ha as a road component and remaining 0.85 ha breakup not been mentioned. However, the Conservator of Forests, Dharmapuri Circle in his site inspection report, reported that for the road 4.5 ha and 0.49 ha (i.e. 48 nos X 30 mtr X 3.47 Mtrs) required for Culverts. As reported, there is no RoW in the RF notification. Hence updating and clarification on above matter is required.

Area break up statement enclosed for clarification on above matter.
(Annexure-I)

- b. **This road is to connect Kotturmalai Village having population of around 500. As per IRC:SP: 20-2002, para 2.6.3. Roadway width inclusive of parapet, side drains for rural roads for mountainous and steep terrain it will be 6.00 Mt (including the Carriage Way / Tarring portion width of 3.75m). For rural roads, where the traffic intensity is less than 100 motor vehicles per day, and where the traffic is not likely to increase due to situation like dead end, low habitation and difficult terrain conditions the roadway width may be reduced to 6.00Mt in case of plain and rolling terrain. Dimension of road such as carriage way, shoulder, drainage etc not shown and also rationale of applying 7.5 m width against the standard of 6m width needs clarification.**

Justification for applying 7.5m width against the standard of 6m width submitted by the Block Development Officer is enclosed (Annexure-II)

- c. **Alternative not examined, it is suggested that existing road network in the hillock and examining alternative routes with minimum forest area shall be done. It is observed in the kml file that, road alignment towards eastern side will reduce the forest land requirement to a greater extent. Technical feasibility of road alignment in this area may be explored.**

Road alignment towards eastern may reduce the forest land requirement, but it is steep, gradient is high and involves felling of more number of trees which are spontaneous growth in nature when compared to the proposed alignment. Also the proposed alignment is along the admitted right of way & thus requires less felling.

- d. **It is reported that in the alignment of the proposed road, no right of way was admitted in the Tamil Nadu Gazette notification of Kesarkuli RF, However, as per the kml file, mud road is existing in the proposed area. Hence clarification may be submitted for the above.**

Right of way admitted in the Tamil Nadu Gazette notification of Kesarkuli RF. Copy of notification enclosed for reference (Annexure-III).

- e. As reported the project involves felling of 167 numbers of trees which are spontaneous growth in nature. Hence, approval / recommendation of the CEC / Hon'ble Supreme Court of India may be obtained and submit the same to the office.

User agency reported that approval / recommendation of the CEC will be obtained and submitted before approval of stage II permission.
(Annexure-II)

- f. RoFR Certificate (Form I) has been furnished. However, as per the KML file, one end of the road is passing through residential area, hence clarification on such existing residential structures (i.e. legal RoFR holders or encroachers etc) may be submitted.

On scrutiny of KML submitted by the User Agency, it is observed that KML file starting point is outside Reserved Forest for a length of 100 mts (approximately). Hence one end of the road is found to be passing through residential area (Photos enclosed).

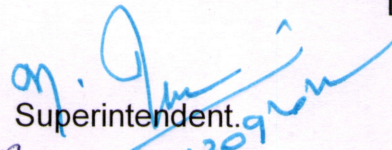
- g. Kml file of the 5 ha of degraded forest area in Parigam-'A' RF of Dharmapuri Range may be submitted.

Kml file is enclosed in CD (Compact Disc).

Yours faithfully,

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