

**Letter No.1747/FR.10/2023-4, Dated: 09.04.2025**

From  
Thiru. Anurag Mishra, IFS.,  
Special Secretary (Environment, Climate Change)

To  
The Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central),  
Government of India,  
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change,  
Regional Office,  
Additional Office Block for GPOA, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor,  
Shastri Bhawan, Haddows Road,  
Nungambakkam, Chennai - 600 006. (w.e).

Sir,

Sub: Forests – Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980  
– Diversion of 0.36 ha of forest land in Avanam Reserved Forest  
for upgradation of Kappukkadu earthen road to Thar road and  
street light facilities in Perianayagipuram Panchayat to join the  
sand road of the small village North-Thulukkaviduthi, Avanam,  
Perianayagipuram, Thanjavur District in favour of the Block  
Development Officer, Peravurani @ Avanam, Thanjavur District  
Forwarding of – In-principle approval – EDS raised – Reply  
received – Furnishing of - Regarding.


Ref: 1. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), letter  
No.TS4/37305/2021, dated 09.03.2023 and 06.05.2024.  
2. Government Letter No.1747/FR.10/2023-2, dated 27.09.2024.  
3. From the Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central),  
F.No.4-TNB132/2024-CHN/1670, dated 22.10.2024.  
4. Government Letter No.1747/FR.10/2023-3, dated 28.10.2024.  
5. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), letter  
No.TS4/37305/2021, dated 01.04.2025. (along with the BDO,  
Peravurani & Avanam Panchayat Union, letter R.C  
No.4408/2020/A2, dated 16.12.2024)

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I am directed to invite your attention to the references cited and to forward a  
copy of the reference 5<sup>th</sup> cited, wherein the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
has furnished the documents for the queries raised in your letter 3<sup>rd</sup> cited.

2. I am therefore to request you to kindly obtain the concurrence of the  
competent authority and communicate the same to this Government, early.

Yours faithfully,

  
for Special Secretary  
(Environment, Climate Change)



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**TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From  
Thiru. Srinivas R. Reddy, I.F.S.,  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Forest Force),  
Forest Headquarters Building,  
Guindy – Velachery Main Road,  
Near Kannikapuram Checkpost,  
Guindy, Chennai – 600 032.

To  
The Additional Chief Secretary to  
Government,  
Environment, Climate Change and  
Forests Department, Secretariat,  
Chennai – 600 009.

**Ref. No. TS4/37305/2021 dated: 01.04.2025.**

**Madam,**

Sub: Forests – Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 [previously called Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980] – Trichy Circle – Thanjavur Forest Division – Proposal for diversion of 0.36 ha of forest land in Avanam RF for upgradation of Kappukkadu earthen road to Thar road and street light facilities in Periyamayagipuram Panchayat to join the sand road of the small village North-Thulukkaviduthi, Avanam, Periyamayagipuram, Thanjavur District in favour of the Block Development Officer, Peravurani @ Avanam, Thanjavur District – reg.

- Ref:
1. Online application uploaded by the User Agency – The Block Development Officer, Peravurani, Thanjavur District, Proposal No. FP / TN / Road / 147896 / 2021 on 30.09.2021.
  2. Part-II uploaded by the District Forest Officer, Thanjavur on 27.12.2022.
  3. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai, C. No. TS4/37305/2021, dt: 09.03.2023 and 06.05.2024.
  4. Government of India, R.O., Chennai, Lr. F. No. 4-TNB132 / 2024-CHN/1670, dt: 22.10.2024.
  5. Government Lr. No. 1747/FR.10/2023-3, dt: 28.10.2024.
  6. District Forest Officer, Thanjavur, C. No. 7032/2021/D, dt: 10.03.2025.
  7. Chief Conservator of Forests, Trichy, C. No. 14268/2022/D, dt: 17.03.2025.

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I wish to inform that, the Government vide letter 5<sup>th</sup> cited has communicated the Government of India, R.O., Chennai letter dt: 22.10.2024, requested additional details on the above proposal.

The additional details have been submitted by the District Forest Officer, Thanjavur and Chief Conservator of Forests, Trichy vide references 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> cited.

The contents of the report are as follows:

Sl. No.	Additional details requested	Reply by the District Forest Officer
(i)	As per the KML file, the forest area looks like a small block surrounded by human habitation and agricultural farmlands. The proposed road will bifurcate the Reserved Forest area in two blocks. Therefore, alternatives such as laying road along the periphery / boundary of the Reserved Forest block may be examined, if feasible.	An existing right of way is present near the western side of Avanam RF, which connects Puluchankadu village with Thulukkaviduthi North village. The right of way is admitted for men, cattle and carts over the mentioned cart-tracks inside the RF block to a width of eight meters as mentioned in the notification. The UA (i.e BDO in his letter dt. 16/12/24) has informed that there is no possibility for constructing a new road along the boundary of the RF.
(ii)	Further, it is observed from the KML file that the proposed road abruptly ends within the forest. This may also be clarified.	A revised KML file has been uploaded on the Parivesh Portal by the User Agency, addressing the EDS raised.

The additional details furnished by the District Forest Officer, Thanjavur and the Chief Conservator of Forests, Trichy are forwarded in the PARIVESH Portal.

I request that the above reply may be forwarded to Government of India, Regional Office, Chennai and obtain In-Principle (Stage-I) approval for diversion of 0.36 ha of forest land in Avanam RF for upgradation of Kappukkadu earthen road to Thar road and street light facilities in Periyannayagipuram Panchayat to join the sand road of the small village North-Thulukkaviduthi, Avanam, Periyannayagipuram, Thanjavur District in favour of the Block Development Officer, Peravurani @ Avanam, Thanjavur District for a period of 20 years.

Yours faithfully,

S. Alayam 01/04/25  
for Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Forest Force)

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in his letter  
no possibility  
for construct-  
ing a new  
road along  
the boundary  
of the RF.  
since the  
Public will  
have to  
travel more  
than 3 kms  
further (if  
a new road  
is formed  
along any  
side of the  
forest area)

From, Thiru.M.Saminathan, B.Sc., Block Development Officer (B.Pt), Panchayat Union, Peravurani @ Avanam.	To The District Forest Officer, Thanjavur Forest Division, Thanjavur.
R.C.No.4408/2020/A2	Date 16.12.2024

Sir.

<b>Subject</b>	Forest Department - Basic Amenities - Thanjavur District - Peravurani Block - Formation of BT Road in Reserved Forest Area in Periyamayagipuram Panchayat - Forest Department permission requested - Regarding.
<b>Reference</b>	1 The Special Secretary, Environment, Climate Change & Forest (FR.10) Department, Secretariat, Chennai-9, Lr No.1747/FR.10/2023- 3, dated 28/10/2024
	2 The District Forest Officer, Thanjavur Forest Division, Thanjavur, Lr No.7032/2024/M, dated 13.11.2024
	3 Assistant Engineer, Panchayat Union, Peravurani, Letter dated 15.11.2024

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An earthen road of about 540m length in the Reserved Forest area in Periyamayagipuram Panchayat in Peravurani Block has been under Public use for more than 35 years and people used to pass through the forest area from Periyamayagipuram to Thulukkaviduthi North State Highway SH 29. This road is being in use of Periyamayagipuram and Thulukkaviduthi villages of Thanjavur District and Anavayal L.N.Puram, Neduvasal East, Neduvasal West, Pullanviduthi, Karukakurichi Keezhatheru, South Street, Pattathikkadu, Thirumanancheri villages of Pudukkottai District.

The villagers and school and college students of this village using this road to reach Avanam main road to go to the Bus stand, Hospitals, Schools and Colleges. Aged people, Pregnant Ladies are using this road to go for urgent treatment, to buy essential materials for their daily needs by walk and by vehicles, farmers using this road to market their Agricultural products in near by towns. This road is very useful to all kind of people.



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But, this Earthen road becomes muddy and pothold in every rainy season and so the school going children, disables and public are very much struggles to pass this road and have to travel more than 5 kms detour from Thulukkaviduthi North to Avanam Masjid or Anavayal L.N.Puram Government Higher Secondary School. This cause delay to get medical facilities in case of emergency and sometimes cause death. So, this road has been proposed for BT and permission required.

In connection with the proposal sent to the Forest Department, a site inspection has been conducted by the Block Development Officer with Pattukottai Forest Range Officer and the Assistant Engineer (RD) on 15.11.2024. The total area of the Resereved Forest is around 36.29 hectares. The Earthen Road is in the heart (centre) of the Forest. There is a road to form BT in the existing Earthen Road. Even, if a new road is formed along any side of the Forest area, Public will have to travel more than 3kms further for their needs. During the site inspection, I would like to inform you that there is no possibility for constructing a new road along the boundary of the Reserve Forest.

  
Block Development Officer (B.Pt),  
Peravurani @ Avanam.

16/12/24