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TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

From

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To

The Additional Chief Secretary to  
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C. No. TS3/6778/2016 Dated: 14.02.2023.

Madam,

Sub: Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Proposal for diversion of 0.64 ha of forest land in Nallur Reserved Forests of Chengalpattu-Kancheepuram Division for widening the existing approach road leading to Sri Sairam Engineering College and Other Educational Institutions managed by M/s Sapthagiri Educational Trust – Details called for by the Government –Regarding.

- Ref: 1 Online application uploaded by the User Agency/Project proponent - Thiru. Sai Prakash Leo Muthu CEO of M/s Sri Sairam Educational Trust, Sai Bhavan, No. 31B, Madley Road, T. Nagar, Chennai 17 – Proposal No. FP/TN/Road/17771/2016
- 2 Part-II of Form A uploaded by the District Forest Officer, Kancheepuram Division and EDS replies uploaded in the proposal
- 3 Part-III of Form A uploaded by the Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai Circle and EDS replies uploaded in the proposal
- 4 Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Sapthagiri Educational Trust, Chennai letter dated 26.07.2019
- 5 Principal Chief Conservator of Forests reference No. TS3/6778/2016, dated 19.08.2019
- 6 Government letter No. 15119/FR.10/2019-1, dated 24.10.2019
- 7 Principal Chief Conservator of Forests reference No. TS3/6778/2016, dated 10.01.2020
- 8 Government letter No. 15119/FR.10/2019-2, dated 09.02.2021



- 9 Principal Chief Conservator of Forests reference No. TS3/6778/2016, dated 23.04.2021
- 10 Government letter No. 15119/FR.10/2019, dated 28.12.2021, 09.02.2021 and 02.09.2022
- 11 Principal Chief Conservator of Forests reference No. TS3/28217/2003, dated 18.02.2022
- 12 Government letter No. 15119/FR.10/2019-4, dated 02.09.2022

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With reference to the Government letter 12<sup>th</sup> cited above, I am furnishing report on the above subject issue as follows.

1) For the observation made in the field and report called for on the reported violations communicated in Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests letter No. F(C)A/11.2/118/TN/RC/2064, dated 19.01.2007, based on the report furnished by the District Forest Officer, Kancheepuram Division and Chief Conservator of Chennai, report has been furnished to the Government vide Principal Chief Conservator of Forests reference No. TS3/28217/2000, dated 11.05.2018.

i) Government in the letter No. 5006/FR.10/2007-20, dated 12.06.2018, has enclosed the report of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests letter dated 11.05.2018 to the Government of India and requested to intimate the action to be taken in the matter.

ii) In response to State Government report, Government of India in their letter F. No. F(C)A/11.2/118/TN/RC/ 0804, dated 10.05.2019 has requested additional details/documents on the issue.

2) In the meantime, new forest clearance proposal for diversion of 0.64 ha of additional forest land in Nallur Reserved Forests of Chengalpattu-Kancheepuram Division for widening the existing approach road leading to Sri Sairam Engineering College and Other Educational Institutions managed by M/s Sapthagiri Educational Trust furnished under proposal No. FP/TN/Road/17771/2016 has been processed and based on the documents uploaded by the user agency and details furnished by the District Forest Officer, Kancheepuram Division and Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai Circle, a brief analysis of the proposal has been made with reference to the Google earth maps and the proposal has been processed and forwarded to the Government vide Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Ref. No. TS3/6778/2016, dated 19.08.2019 and clarification/additional details have been



furnished in Principal Chief Conservator of Forest Ref. No. TS3/6778/2016, dated 10.01.2020.

3) For the clarification/additional details called for by the Government letter No. 5006/FR.10/2007 letters dated 28.02.2020, 14.07.2020, 26.08.2020, 05.12.2020, based on the reports received from the District Forest Officer, Kancheepuram Division and Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai Circle, and analysis made as narrated in above para, report has been furnished to the Government vide Principal Chief Conservator of Forests reference No. TS3/28217/2000, dated 10.01.2020 and clarification/additional details called for by the Government have been furnished vide Principal Chief Conservator of Forests reference No. TS3/28217/2000, letters dated 19.05.2020, 05.08.2020, 05.11.2020 and 09.04.2021.

4) Specific reply on the queries/additional details called for by the Government of India vide reference F. No. F(C)A/11.2/118/TN/RC/ 0804, dated 10.05.2019 is furnished below below.

*i) Map with DGPS co-ordinates of the forest area diverted under FCA, 1980 and the present alignment of the road on field.*

a) DGPS survey map of the 700m length and 12m wide (0.84 ha) road used and proposed road portion for widening (0.56 ha) and the entrance area (0.08 ha) by M/s Sapthagiri Educational Trust leading to their educational institutions through the Nallur RF and area marked in the Map (Survey of India topo sheet and google earth map) have already been enclosed and furnished to the Government as Annexure-1 vide Principal Chief Conservator of Forests letter No. TS3/28217/2003, dated 09.04.2021.

b) Map of road widening work proposed by the user agency for 700m length and 8m wide (0.56 ha) and 40m x 20m (0.08 ha) area near the entrance of M/s Sapthagiri Educational Trust and area marked in the map (Survey of India topo sheet and google earth map) have already been enclosed and furnished to the Government as Annexure-II vide Principal Chief Conservator of Forests letter No. TS3/28217/2003, dated 09.04.2021.

*ii) Present position of the RoW No. 6 for which clearance was sought after reporting a violation happened in 2001.*



a) As per the Reserved Forest Notification (Annexure-III of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests reference No. TS3/28217/2003, dated 09.04.2021), Right of way No. 6 description recorded as follows.

“From Track No.4 to track No.5, about thirty six and a half chains through forest field No.366 of Naduveerappattu, it enters the block to the South of the South-West corner of forest field 429 of Punthandalam and joins track No.5 close to the point where the latter crosses the Southern boundary of Punthandalam village.”

b) The Right of Way No.6 is not in use and presently it is covered with natural vegetation. A copy of map (Survey of India topo sheet and google earth map) marking the Right of way No. 6 has already been enclosed and furnished to the Government as Annexure-IV vide Principal Chief Conservator of Forests letter No. TS3/28217/2003, dated 09.04.2021.

c) Road formed and now utilised by the user agency is not connected with the Right of Way No. 6.

iii) Reason for sudden change in the alignment away from the alignment proposed in the proposal, the extent of violation and the action taken on the reported violations.

I) The Sapthagiri Educational Trust is having its educational institution in Naduveerapattu village of Sriperumbudur Taluk adjacent to Nallur RF of Sriperumbudur Range in Chengalpattu – Present Kancheepuram Forest Division. On the request of the educational trust, the Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial), Chennai has issued orders for the use of cart track referred as right of way No.6 in Nallur RF notification for use by college authorities from 17.10.1994 to 16.10.1995 on payment of permit fee. This permit was subsequently renewed by the Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai up to the year 2000.

a) Subsequently on the orders of the Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial), Chennai, the District Forest Officer, Chengalpattu Division was permitted to accord necessary permission to the college authorities with usual terms and conditions on payment of permit fee for the use of right of way-cart track No.6 in Nallur RF.

b) Based on the representation made by the Educational Trust, Government, E&F Dept. in letter No. 11217/FRXII/2000-3 dt. 26.02.2000 has requested the



educational trust to submit necessary proposals under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 to the District Forest Officer, Chengalpattu Division.

c) During the year 2000 itself, it has been noticed during the field inspection of then Conservator of Forests, Chennai Circle, that a road has been formed in Nallur RF without any authority and on enquiry, it was ascertained that, the existing cart track was widened by M/s Sapthagiri Educational Trust. The existing cart track is a right of way and the admitted right is 12 feet, whereas the width during 2000 is measured at 22 feet. It was observed that tree growth has been cut either sides and side drains have been dug to a width of 3 feet on either side. Gravel road has been formed to a thickness of about 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> feet for a width of 22 feet and length of about 2 kms.

d) For this violation, forest offence had been booked against the accused person and fine of Rs. 5000/- has been compounded on 13.04.2000.

e) Subsequently the District Forest Officer, Chengalpattu Division has forwarded the proposal furnished by M/s Sapthagiri Educational Trust under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

f) Based on proposal furnished under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.84 ha of forest land for laying access road to reach Engineering College to a length of 700 metres and to a width of 12 metres by M/s Sapthagiri Educational Trust in Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Ref. No. TS3/28217/2000, dated 10.07.2001 to the Government, Government of India has issued Stage-I approval in letter No. F(C)A/11.2/118/TN/RC/1200, dated 15.09.2003 for the diversion of 0.84 Ha of forest land in Nallur RF and based on the compliance report sent to Government by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai, the Government of India in letter No. F(C)A/11.2/118 TN/RC dt. 13.12.2004 has accorded Stage-II final approval. State Government order in this regard has been issued in G.O. Ms No. 83, Environment and Forest (FR.10) Department, dated 21.08.2006.

g) During the course of field inspection, violations have been noticed by the Conservator of Forests, Chennai Circle. After verifying the field, the Conservator of Forests, Chennai Circle during June 2006, has reported that, the trust not only black topped the road, but formed a new road about 400 metres away from the original right of way path No.6. New road has been formed encroaching the forest



area by fresh cutting across Nallur RF instead of improving the original right of way No. 6 for which approval has been accorded by the Government of India.

h) Based on the above details, violations under the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 has been repored to Government.

II) While processing the forest clearance proposal furnished by M/s Sapthagiri Educational Trust for widening of existing road and based on the documents.google earth map details furnished by the user agency and District Forest Officer, Chengalpattu Division, Kancheepuram present forest clearance proposal has been processed and forwarded to the Government.

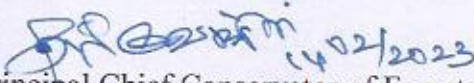
a) On verification of google earth map of 2002, it is ascertained that, before the approval of diversion proposal of 0.84 ha by the Government of India (Stage I approval accorded during 2003 and Stage-II approval accorded during 2004), the user Agency is using the pathway leading to college campus and the same path has been subsequently black topped after the Forest Clearance approval accorded during 2004. Black topping of path leads to Educational Institutions were carried out by the user agency during the period of 2004-2007. Now, widening of this existing road has been requested by the educational trust.

b) From the above, the District Forest Officer, Kancheepuram Division has concluded that, there is no sudden change in the alignment away from the proposed alignment. Further, reported that there is no violation noticed.

5) Details on factual positions exists on the ground have been furnished in the reply furnished to the Government vide Principal Chief Conservator of Forests reference No. TS3/28217/2000, dated 09.04.2021. A copy of the same is enclosed herewith.

This is submitted for favour of further action.

Yours faithfully

  
For Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Forest Force)

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14/04/2023



TAMIL NADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

From

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To

The Additional Chief Secretary to  
Government,  
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Secretariat,  
Chennai-600 009.

Ref. No. TS3/28217/2000 dated. 09.04.2021.

Sir,

Sub: Forests – Factual report – Forest diverted area of 0.84 ha of forest land in Nallur RF for laying access road to reach Engineering College run by M/s Sathagiri Educational Trust in Kancheepuram District – Additional Particulars called for – Regarding.

- Ref: 1. Government letter No. 5006/FR.10/2007-6, dated 19.04.2011  
2. Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests, letter No. F(C)A/11.2/118/TN/RC/2064, dated 19.01.2007.  
3. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Ref. No. TS3/28217/2000, dated 11.05.2018  
4. Government letter No. 5006/FR.10/2007-20, dated 12.06.2018  
5. Government of India letter F. No. F(C)A/11.2/118/TN/RC/0804, dated 10.05.2019  
6. Government letter No.5006/FR.10/2007-25, dated 17.05.2019.  
7. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests reference No. TS3/28217/2000, dated 10.01.2020  
8. Government letter No. 5006/FR.10/2007-27, dated 28.02.2020  
9. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests reference No. TS3/28217/2000, dated 19.05.2020  
10. Government letter No. 5006/FR.10/2007-28, dated 14.07.2020  
11. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests reference No. TS3/28217/2000, dated 05.08.2020  
12. Government letter No. 5006/FR.10/2007-29, dated 26.08.2020  
13. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests reference No. TS3/28217/2000, dated 05.11.2020  
14. Government letter No. 5006/FR.10/2007-30, dated 05.12.2020

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With reference to the Government letter 14<sup>th</sup> cited above, I am furnishing report on the details called for in the Government of India letter 5<sup>th</sup> cited above as follows.

The District Forest Officer, Kancheepuram Division has reported specific reply on the queries/additional details called for by the Government of India.

i) Map with DGPS co-ordinates of the forest area diverted under FCA, 1980 and the present alignment of the road on field.

a) As informed, DGPS survey map of the 700m length and 12m wide (0.84 ha) road used and proposed for widening (0.56 ha) and entrance area (0.08 ha) by M/s Sapthagiri Educational Trust leading to their educational institutions through the Nallur RF and area marked in the Map (Survey of India topo sheet and google earth map) are enclosed as Annexure-I.

b) Map of road widening work proposed by the user agency for 700m length and 8m wide (0.56 ha) and 40m x 20m (0.08 ha) area near the entrance of M/s Sapthagiri Educational Trust and area marked in the map (Survey of India topo sheet and google earth map) are enclosed as Annexure-II.

ii) Present position of the RoW No. 6 for which clearance was sought after reporting a violation happened in 2001.

a) As per the Reserved Forest Notification (copy enclosed-Annexure-III) Right of way No. 6 description recorded as follows.

“From Track No.4 to track No.5 about thirty six and a half chains through forest field No.366 of Naduveerappattu. It enters the block to the south of the south-west corner of forest field 429 of Punthandalam and joins track No.5 close to the point where the latter crosses the southern boundary of Punthandalam village.”

b) The Right of Way No.6 is not in use and presently it is covered with natural vegetation. A copy of map (Survey of India topo sheet and google earth map) marking the Right of way No. 6 is enclosed as Annexure-IV.

c) Road formed and utilised under the approval obtained under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 by the user agency is not connected with the Right of Way No. 6.



iii) Reason for sudden change in the alignment away from the alignment proposed in the proposal, the extent of violation and the action taken on the reported violations.

On verification of google earth map of 2002, it is ascertained that before the approval of diversion proposal of 0.84 ha by the Government of India (Stage I approval accorded during 2003 and Stage-II approval accorded during 2004), the user Agency is using the pathway leading to college campus and the same path has been subsequently black topped after the Forest Clearance approval accorded during 2004. Black topping of path leads to Educational Institutions were carried out during the period of 2004-2007. Now widening of this existing road has been requested by the educational trust.

From the above, the District Forest Officer, Kancheepuram has concluded that, there is no sudden change in the alignment away from the proposed alignment. Further reported that there is no violation noticed.

The Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai Circle has forwarded the report furnished by the District Forest Officer, Kancheepuram.

Brief analysis of the above issue and additional details called for by the Government have already been furnished in Principal Chief Conservator of Forests letters dated, 10.01.2020, 19.05.2020, 05.08.2020 and 05.11.2020.

I am enclosing herewith copy of report furnished by the District Forest Officer, Kancheepuram in letter No. D/1283/2016, dated 23.02.2021 along with its enclosures.

As informed by the Government in the letter 14<sup>th</sup> cited above, DGPS co-ordinates to the forest area diverted under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is enclosed as Annexure-I.

I request that proposal submitted earlier may be forwarded to the Government of India for their consideration.

Encl : As stated above.

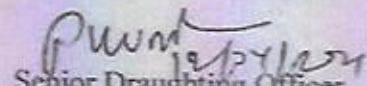
Yours faithfully

Sd/- S. Yuvaraj,

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Department)

Copy to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai Circle, Chennai / District Forest Officer, Kancheepuram Division, Kancheepuram.

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Senior Draughting Officer