

**TAMIL NADU FOREST DEPARTMENT**

**From**

Tmt. K. Geethanjali, I.F.S.,  
Chief Conservator of Forests,  
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**To**

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Forest Force),  
Chennai - 32.

**Ref. No. 3335 / 2023 / D, Dated: 22.07.2023**

Sir,

**Sub:** Forests (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Kancheepuram, Chennai Forest Division, Chennai Circle – Proposal for diversion of 4.46 Ha. of forest land in Perungalathur RF for formation of Tambaram Eastern Bypass road branching from Km 17/4 of Malmalong bridge – Irumbuliyur road from Rajakilpakkam via Agaramthen road towards Perungalathur at Km 0/0 - 9/300 in Chengalpattu District - Online submission of proposal - Reg.

- Ref:**
1. Online application uploaded by the Divisional Engineer, Metro, Highways Department, CMDP, Division-I, No.78 Real Diamond Building, Annasalai, Guindy, Chennai - 32, Proposal No.FP/TN/Road/148656/2021, Dated: 22.10.2021.
  2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Ref.No.TS3/39365/ 2021, Dated: 17.11.2021.
  3. Resubmission of proposal by the User Agency in parivesh web-portal on 13.03.2023.
  4. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Ref.No.TS3/39365/ 2021, Dated: 17.03.2023.
  5. District Forest Officer Chennai Division, Site Inspection and Recommendation report and Form Part-II uploaded in the Parivesh Web Portal dated 09.05.2023.
  6. This Office Letter No.3335/2023/D, Dated: 09.06.2023.
  7. District Forest Officer, Chennai Division Letter No.1271/2022/D, Dated: 20.06.2023.
  8. This Office Letter No.3335/2023/D, Dated: 03.07.2023.
  9. District Forest Officer, Chennai Division Letter No.1271/2022/D, Dated: 05.07.2023.

10.Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Ref.No.TS3/39365/2021,  
Dated: 13.07.2023.

11.District Forest Officer, Chennai Division Letter No.1271/2022/D,  
Dated: 21.07.2023.

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I submit that the District Forest Officer Chennai Division in the letter 11<sup>th</sup> cited has submitted his reply for the shortcomings noticed in the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests letter 10<sup>th</sup> cited. The reply furnished by the District Forest Officer Chennai division is furnished below.

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<b>2 i.</b>	Details of wildlife present in and around the forest land proposed for diversion has not been reported in Section 8(i)	Details of wildlife present in and around the forest land proposed for diversion has been reported in Section 8(i)
<b>ii</b>	For the proposed diversion of 4.46ha of forest land, compensatory land has been identified by the user agency in S.F.No. 96/1 of Vedhanarayanapuram village of Chengalpattu District and compensatory afforestation has been proposed in 8.92 ha of degraded forest area in Gudalur RF and reported that since the selected CA land is already having vegetation and forest like Characteristics, Compensatory afforestation plantation cannot be taken up in the CA land	
<b>ii.a</b>	For doing 8.92 ha of plantation, an amount of Rs. 2,76,21,047/- has been proposed including 10 years maintenance work. For doing 8.92 ha plantation work, above amount seems very high (Pro rata amount of Rs. 30,96,530/- per ha.)	Based on the model estimate approved by Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai vide C.No.TS4/22483 /2022 dt: 21.02.2023, now the total financial outlay for CA scheme for 8920Nos. (8.92ha) has been worked out and revised as Rs.153.35 lakhs and the estimates for raising nursery, planting and 10years maintenance of plantation have also been uploaded with necessary corrections.
<b>ii.b</b>	Excess provisions have been made in watering the container plants due to non-adoption of approved	Based on the model estimate approved by Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai vide C.No.TS4/22483/2022 dt:

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	estimate, collection and supply of soil in the degraded forest area planting site has been proposed and excess amount provided for catch water pits work.	21.02.2023, necessary corrections have been carried out in estimates and uploaded the same.
<b>ii.c</b>	Further, CA plantation has been proposed in 8.92ha of degraded forest area of Gudalur RF under the control of Forest Department. However, engagement of two protection may be deleted as the CA plantation has been proposed in degraded forest area under the management control of Forest Department	Based on the model estimate approved by Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai vide C.No.TS4/22483/2022 dt: 21.02.2023, necessary corrections have been carried out in estimates and uploaded the same.
<b>ii.d</b>	Compensatory Afforestation scheme may be proposed adopting the current FSR	Yes, the estimates are calculated based on the current year FSR 2023-24 rate.
<b>iii</b>	In the additional information details section, the District Forest Officer has uploaded document on proposal for construction of compound wall over a length of 1000m at project cost of Rs. 1,07,90,000/- Construction of compound wall may not be proposed under Compensatory Afforestation scheme	As the component of fencing work does not cover under the Compensatory Afforestation, the proposal of above said work has been withdrawn. (Vide PCCF C.No.TS3/39365/2021 dt:13.07.2023).
<b>iv</b>	Further document on proposed for construction of a check dam in Tambaram Range at a project cost of Rs.48,000/- has been uploaded. It also is not necessary to be included in Compensatory Afforestation	As the component of soil moisture conservation work does not cover under the Compensatory Afforestation, the proposal of above said work has been withdrawn. (Vide PCCF. C.No. TS3/39365/2021, dt:13.07.2023).

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<b>v</b>	<p>In the site inspection and recommendation of the proposal, the District Forest Officer has reported that, diversion of forest area of 4.46ha proposed in Vandalur RF, which includes 1.25ha Vandalur RF under Modern Nursery Perungalathur Research wing</p> <p>Details about any damage to the property of Research wing caused and NOC obtained from the Research wing has not been reported</p>	<p>Revised site inspection report has been uploaded stating the damage of properties during execution of proposed work.</p> <p>As the ownership of Reserve Forest area 4.46ha. remains with the Chennai Forest Division, it is not necessary to obtain NOC from the Research wing Perungalathur.</p> <p>The area of 1.25ha. proposed for diversion in Research wing can be compensated by allotting equivalent alternate area in the same Reserve Forest area.</p>
<b>vi</b>	<p>Forest area diversion of 4.46ha has been requested in Vandalur RF. KML file uploaded by the User Agency has been rechecked and area of KML file uploaded measures as 4.48ha as against the proposal of 4.46ha. this may be corrected.</p>	<p>The corrections have been communicated and made by the User Agency.</p>
<b>vii</b>	<p>As per the KML file uploaded and location marked in the Survey of India topo sheet, proposed diversion of forest area for formation of Tambaram Eastern Bypass Road starts in the middle of the forest area from the Perungalathur road. Details about road portion connecting the edge of the Road with the existing road has not been reported. Further, details about whether the existing road lies in the forest area or any Right of way is available for the existing</p>	<p>The proposed road diversion of Eastern Bypass starting point links with the end portion of Road Over Bridge (ROB) proposed by Highways Department vide Pro.No.FP/TN/Road/151930/2022 and the end portion of the proposed road connects with the newly formed bypass road out side the Reserve Forest in Alapakkam village.</p> <p>The road which is already existing and passing through the Reserve Forest is a right of way.</p>

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	road/permission if any previously obtained from the Forest Department for the existing road have not been reported.	

I submit herewith the copy of the District Forest Officer Chennai Division letter 11<sup>th</sup> cited for favour of kind perusal necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

**Encl:** As stated above

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