

TAMIL NADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

From

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To

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

Ref. No. 5283 / 2022 / D, Dated: 22.07.2023

Sir,

Sub: Forests (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Proposal for diversion of 0.536 ha. of forest land in Nanmangalam RF for construction of grade separator connecting Medavakkam – Sholinganallur road junction, Medavakkam-Mambakkam road junction, Mount-Medavakkam road junction in Marmalong bridge – Irumbuliyur road at Medavakkam in Chengalpattu District – Reg.

- Ref:**
1. Online application uploaded by the User Agency, the Divisional Engineer, Highways, Chennai Metropolitan Development Plan Division-II, Chennai – Proposal No.FP/TN/Road/155502/2022, Dated: 20.05.2022.
 2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests letter No.TS3/15962/2022, Dated: 14.06.2022.
 3. District Forest Officer, Chennai Division, Chennai, Ref. No.3557/2022/D, Dated: 14.02.2023 and 20.04.2023.
 4. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests letter No.TS3/15962/2022, Dated: 28.06.2023.
 5. District Forest Officer, Chennai Division, Chennai, Ref. No.3557/2022/D, Dated: 21.07.2023.

I submit that the District Forest Officer Chennai Division in the letter 5th cited has submitted his reply for the shortcomings noticed in the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests letter 4th cited. The reply furnished by the District Forest Officer Chennai division is furnished below.

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1	In the proposed road alignment area, 17 number of trees have been enumerated and details uploaded in Section 4(ii) of Part-II of Form-A. However, the status of trees whether spontaneous grown trees or planted has not been reported.	The total 17Nos. of trees are spontaneous trees.
2	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 this has been now reported in Section 8(i)
3	For the proposed diversion of 0.536ha. of forest land, compensatory afforestation has been proposed in 1.072ha. of degraded forest land in Gudalur Reserve Forest.	
	a) For doing 1.072ha. of CA plantation, an amount of Rs.28.74lakhs has been proposed including 10 years maintenance work. For doing 1.072ha. plantation work, above amount seems to be very high.	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 1072Nos. (1.072ha) has been worked out and revised as Rs.18.43lakhs and the estimates for raising nursery, planting and 10years maintenance of plantation have also been uploaded with necessary corrections.
	b) Excess provisions have been made in watering the container plants due to non-adoption of approved model estimate, providing vertical casuarina poles in the planting site, Cost of water and watering days in the maintenance period have been provided.	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.

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	<p>c) Further, CA plantation has been proposed in 1.072ha. of degraded forest area of Gudalur Reserve Forest under the control of Forest Department. However, engagement of Two protection mazdoors have been proposed for protection of 1.072ha. area. This provision may be deleted for the CA plantations proposed in degraded forest areas under the management control of Forest Department.</p>	<p>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.</p>
	<p>d) Further in CA scheme abstract, name of the Reserve Forest reported as Vandalur Reserve Forest</p>	<p>The name of the RF is wrongly mentioned as Vandalur RF instead of Gudalur RF</p>
	<p>e) Site suitability certificate of the identified CA plantation area has not been uploaded.</p>	<p>Site suitability certificate of the identified CA plantation in Gudalur RF is uploaded</p>
IV	<p>As per the document uploaded by the user agency in Part-I of Form-A, demolition of compound wall in the forest area is involved and the user agency has furnished undertaking to construct new compound wall in the proposed Row boundary of forest area. However, in the site inspection report and recommendation of the project, there is no mention made about the infrastructures to be removed in the area.</p>	<p>Now a revised site inspection report has been uploaded with necessary justifications.</p>
V	<p>As per the site inspection report and recommendation of the project furnished by the District Forest Officer, out of 0.536ha of forest land proposed</p>	<p>The total area of 0.536ha. including 0.243ha. under the utility of Quaide-milleth educational trust belongs to Nanmangalam Reserve Forest which</p>

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	for diversion, 0.293ha. area comes under Nanmangalam RF of Tambaram Range and 0.243ha forest area under the control of Quaid-e-Milleth Educational Trust. However, layout sketch indicating length, width and area of forest land involving above two forest area has not been furnished.	remains its legal status as Reserve Forest till date. The layout sketch indicating length and width of 0.536ha. have been uploaded.
VI	This proposal was accepted by the Nodal Officer on 18.07.2022. Since the Forest (Conservation) Rules 2022 has come into effect from 28.06.2022, the new Rules has to be adopted for this project.	As per the recent Government of India MoEF&CC, (FC Division) New Delhi letter file No. FC-11/118/2021-FC, dated:13.06.2023 communicated by Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Chennai Ref.No.TS4/14436/2023 dt:11.07.2023. Compensatory Afforestation land is not necessary for below 1ha. Hence Compensatory Afforestation land is not necessary for this proposal.


I submit herewith the copy of the District Forest Officer Chennai Division letter 5th cited for favour of kind perusal necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: As stated above

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22/7/23
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