

TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

From

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To

The Additional Chief Secretary to  
Government,  
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C. No. TS3/42513/2020 Dated: 25.02.2021.

Sir,

Sub: Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Coimbatore Forest Circle/  
Coimbatore Forest Division - Proposal for diversion of 0.62 ha of  
forest land in Madukkarai Forest Block-V Reserved Land in  
Madukkarai village of Coimbatore Forest Division for burial  
ground for Christians in Madukkarai village of Coimbatore  
Corporation area in favour of the Commissioner, Coimbatore City  
Municipal Corporation, Coimbatore - Additional details called  
for by the Government of India –Reply sending - Regarding.

- Ref: 1 Online application uploaded by the User Agency - The  
Commissioner, City Municipal Corporation, Coimbatore-1 -  
Proposal No. FP/TN/Others/57952/2020.
- 2 Part-II of Form A uploaded by the District Forest Officer,  
Coimbatore Division on 03.12.2020
- 3 Part-III of Form A uploaded by the Additional Principal Chief  
Conservator of Forests, Coimbatore Circle on 03.12.2020
- 4 Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Ref. No.  
TS3/42513/2020, dated 08.12.2020
- 5 Government of India letter F. No. 4-TNB070/2021-CHN/144,  
dated 17.02.2021
- 6 Government letter No. 17260/FR.10/2020-2, dated  
24.02.2021.

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With reference to the Government letter 6<sup>th</sup> cited above, details on additional  
information / documents requested by the Government of India in the reference 5<sup>th</sup>  
cited are furnished as follows.

- (a) The proposed forest land for diversion is a CA area received in lieu of  
diversion of forest area to the ACC Ltd. (The Associated Cement Companies  
Limited). One of the conditions imposed in the final order (No.8-98/85-FC of MoEF,  
New Delhi dated 29.04.1997) is "Transferred area will be fully stocked by the Forest



Department out of amount paid by the User Agency in shortest possible time and maintained subsequently." But as per the report of DFO, there is no vegetation except some Thorny (Prosopis Sp.) trees. Hence, the details of plantation carried out by the department in the said area along with details of amount collected for CA plantation and actual amount spent for raising such plantation and reasons for failure of such plantation etc needs to be provided.

The District Forest Officer, Coimbatore Division has reported that, an amount of Rs.24,60,000/- has been received for compensatory afforestation. In this, an amount Rs.9.87 lakhs has been utilized for taking up planting during 2001- 2002 in the following locations (1) Nellitherai RF (2) Mile kallu Revenue poramboku land and reported that no planting activities were taken up in the land identified for diverting in the present case. Only natural vegetation is seen in this area which is a scrub jungle.

(b) The map with DGPS co-ordinates of the entire patch of CA area received in lieu of diversion of forest area to ACC Ltd and which portion of the CA area is proposed to be diverted and any other areas already diverted in the CA area if any may also be provided with clearly depicting the same in the map;

The map prepared and submitted by the District Forest Officer, Coimbatore Division is enclosed herewith.

(c) The CA land (non-forest land) given along with this proposal is located at Thenkarai village in Sy.No.499/3 having extent of 1.24 ha, whereas the CA scheme was given only for the extent of 0.62 ha. Based on the kml file of CA land, it is located at mid of hillock with lesser growth over it; hence suitability and viability of growing CA plantation needs to be reported.

It is also requested to submit a certificate from the competent authority to the effect that the identified non forest land is not having any encroachment and not under any litigation.

The District Forests Officer, Coimbatore Division has reported that, in this present case, compensatory area of 1.24 ha has to be given by the User Agency as against 0.62 ha forest area to be diverted. In earlier case, in this area, the Compensatory Afforestation scheme suggested by Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Chennai F.No.4-TNB014/2017-CHN/1962, Dated.14.12.2018 is that to plant 1000 plants / ha diverted. Accordingly the Compensatory Afforestation scheme is prepared to plant 620 plants over the area of 1.24 ha of land to be handed over. The area is situated just adjoining to the Reserve



Forest namely Bolampatty Block-I Reserve Forests. The area is already with good growth of vegetation as such it needs to fill only gaps. Since already vegetation is there in the area, it is suitable for taking up planting.

The District Collector, Coimbatore District has issued required certificate to the effect that, there is no encroachment in the Compensatory Afforestation land and the same is enclosed herewith.

Documents furnished by the District Forest Officer, Coimbatore Division is enclosed in duplicate. I request that, the EDS reply may please be considered and may be forwarded to the Government of India for consideration of the project proposal.

Encl: As stated above.

Yours faithfully

*G. H. Prasad* 25/2/2021  
For Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Department)

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