

## TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

From  
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To  
The Additional Chief Secretary to  
Government,  
Environment and Forests Department,  
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Chennai 600 009.

**C.No. TS4/21054/2018 Dated:23.09.2020.**

Sir,

Sub: Forests - Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Thanjavur Circle / Nagapattinam Wildlife Division – Proposal for diversion of 0.72 ha now revised as 0.48ha(800mx6m) of forest land for formation of road at 0/0 to 2/0 of Alakudi to Vellaimanal road - Online proposal Submission by the User Agency ie., Assistant Engineer, Rural Development Panchayat Union, Kollidam - Regarding.

Ref: 1. Online application uploaded by the User Agency - Thiru.Sivakumar, Assistant Engineer, Rural Development Panchayat Union, Kollidam on behalf of Executive Engineer, Rural Development, Nagapattinam.(FP/TN/Road /29107/2017).  
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai Ref.No:21054/2018/TS4 dated 14.07.2020  
3. Govt.Lr.No:8638/FR-10/2020-1 dated 10.08.2020  
4. DFO&WLW, Nagapattinam Lr.No:3379/2015/P dated 16.09.2020  
5. Conservator of Forests, Thanjavur C.No:6887/2018/D dated17.09.2020.

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I wish to state that the replies to the queries raised in the Government letter dated 10.08.2020 are as follows.


Sl.No	Query	Reply
1.	Whether any naturally grown trees are there in the proposed forest land and if so indicate the no.of trees to be felled for this project	There are no natural trees in the proposed area except bushes of Prosopis juliflora which is an exotic species and does not come under the category of tree.
2.	As per Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act 2016, the funds received from the user agency towards NPV etc. are to be credited into the public accounts of each state. In G.O.(Ms)No:31,Environment & Forests(FR10) Department dated 06.03.2019, the Govt. have	It is stated that even though Head of A/c have been created for collection of the funds from the user agency vide G.O.(Ms)No:31,Environment & Forests(FR10) Department dated 06.03.2019,no changes have been made in the web portal so far for



	established a special fund called the "State Compensatory Afforestation fund-Tami Nadu" as per section 4(1) of Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act-2016. However it is mentioned in condition No:6 of your proposal that the fund collected from the user agency towards NPV under this project shall be deposited in SB A/c. Hence the reason for the same may be clarified.	the collection of NPV, CA cost etc. from the user agency. Hence the existing procedure has been proposed. However, the Net Present Value amount will be deposited in the "State Compensatory Afforestation Fund – Tamil Nadu" as and when the changes made in the web portal.
3.	In the inspection report of the Conservator of Forests, Thanjavur among other things, it has been reported that proposed area has sparse growth of Prosopis Juliflora. State whether the above species comes under trees.	Prosopis juliflora which is an exotic species and does not come under the category of tree.

I request that the proposal may kindly be considered and State Government approval may please be granted for diversion of 0.48 ha for formation of road at 0/0 to 2/0 of Alakudi to Vellaimanal road of Nagapattinam District for a period of five years.

Yours faithfully,

  
24/9/2020  
for Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Department.)  
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24/9/2020