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**TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From  
Tmt.R.Padmawathe, I.F.S.,  
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To  
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,  
(Head of Forest Force),  
Chennai-15

**Ref.No.2484/2020/D1, Dated: 19.09.2022.**

Sir,

Sub: Forest - Forests (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Madurai Circle / Theni Forests Division - Proposal for diversion of 0.018 Ha of forest land construction of Kumily border Police Check Post at Kumily in Theni District, Suranganar Reserved Forest, Cumbum west Range of Theni Forest Division, Theni - Additional details submission - Reg.

- Ref: 1. Government of India, Minister of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Integrated Regional office, F.No.4-TNB 087/2022-CHN/568, dt.31.05.2022
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai, Ref.No. TS4/32117/2016, dt.31.05.2022
3. Conservator of Forests and Field Director, Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve, Madurai. Ref.No.2484/2020/D1, dt.02.12.2021
4. District Forest Officer, Theni. C.No. D/7126/2016, dt. 25.07.2022

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With reference to the above subject, I submit that the additional details called for by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai in the reference 2<sup>nd</sup>. The details received from the District Forest Officer, Theni as follows;-

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Additional details</b>	<b>Reply</b>
1.	As per the DSS analysis the proposed area is Violating Protected Area Rule proposed falls in Periyar WLS Eco-Sensitive Zone. Hence clarification on above matter required to be submitted;	The proposed police check post for Tamil Nadu Police falls under the Eco-sensitive zone of Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary. However as per Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change notification on Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary dated 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2016, Construction activities have been listed under Regulated activities. Police Check Post being a requirement under 'security' of the State and the proposed point being located on Tamil Nadu and Kerala State boundary the proposal for Construction of Check Post for Tamil Nadu Police may be considered.


S.No.	Additional details	Reply
2.	In addition to that, it was reported that the project location is only 20 meters from Megamalai Wildlife division but not falling under its ESZ needs clarification.	The Eco-sensitive zone for Megamalai Wildlife division on proposed stretch is zero. So the proposed project site does not fall under its Eco-sensitive zone.
3.	Moreover, it is reported that the area is devoid of vegetation with no tree growth except a clump of Bamboo. While verifying through the kml file the area is covered with full of vegetation, in such case whether bamboo is a spontaneous growth or not and its removal from that location is required for construction of check post needs to be confirmed.	The proposed site for construction of Police Check Post in an area of 0.018 Ha has weeds and one spontaneously grown Bamboo Clump. The spectral signature of weed growth resembles shrub cover and reflected as green colour in the satellite imagery.
4.	In the DFO, Theni inspection report, it is mentioned that <b>“the police on duty at the interstate border is using a temporary structure on the side of National Highways”</b> . Hence may clarify whether such temporary structures are in RF area or otherwise.	Temporary Structure on the side of National Highway and located in RF area.

Therefore, the details are enclosed herewith for kind perusal.

Encl: As stated above

Yours sincerely,  
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Conservator of Forests and Field Director,  
Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve,  
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To  
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**Chief Conservator of Forestes,**  
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 Panagal Building, Saidapet,  
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 (Through Conservator of Forests &  
 Field Director, SMTR, Madurai)

C.No. 7126/2016/D dated 25/07/2022



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With reference to the above subject, I submit that the details as called for in the above reference 1<sup>st</sup> cited is as follows,

S.No.	Query Raised	Reply.
1.	As per the DSS analysis the proposed area is Violating Protected Area Rule proposed falls in Periyar WLS Eco-Sensitive Zone. Hence clarification on above matter required to be submitted;	The proposed police check post for Tamil Nadu Police falls under the Eco-sensitive zone of Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary. However as per Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change notification on Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary dated 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2016, Construction activities have been listed under Regulated activities, Police Check Post being a requirement under security of the state and the proposed point being <u>Tamil Nadu and Kerala State boundary</u> and as Kumily town has many buildings by the side of the road already, the proposal for Construction of Check Post for Tamil Nadu Police may be considered.

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2.	In addition to that, it was reported that the project location is only 20 meters from Megamalai Wildlife division but not falling under its ESZ needs clarification.	The Eco-sensitive zone for Megamalai Wildlife division on proposed stretch is zero. So the proposed project site does not fall under its Eco-sensitive zone.
3.	Moreover, it is reported that the area is devoid of vegetation with no tree growth except a clump of Bamboo. While verifying through the kml file the area is covered with full of vegetation, in such case whether bamboo is a spontaneous growth or not and its removal from that location is required for construction of check post needs to be confirmed.	The proposed site for Construction of Police Check Post is surrounded by vegetation of Megamalai Wildlife Sanctuary, Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary and Theni Forest Division. On the other side it is surrounded by buildings by the side of road. The proposed site for Police Check Post Construction with an area of 0.018 Ha. has <u>weeds and one spontaneously grown Bamboo Clump</u> . Its removal is required for the <u>Construction of Check Post</u> .
4.	In the DFO, Theni inspection report, it is mentioned that " <b>the police on duty at the interstate border is using a temporary structure on the side of National Highways</b> ". Hence may clarify whether such temporary structures are in RF area or otherwise.	Temporary Structure on the side of National Highway is in RF area.

This is for favour of kind information.

Yours faithfully,  
Sd/- J.R. Samartha,  
District Forest Officer,  
Theni Forest Division, Theni.

Copy submitted to the Conservator of Forests & Field Director, SMTR, Madurai for Kind information.

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25/7/2022  
Superintendent.

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