

TAMIL NADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

From
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To
The Principal Chief Conservator of
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*(Through the Conservator of Forests,
Dharmapuri Circle, Dharmapuri)*

C. No. 7967 / 2018 / D, dated. 29-12-2022

Sir,

Sub : Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Dharmapuri Circle / Dharmapuri Forest Division - Proposal for diversion of 2.91 ha of Forest land in Kesarguli Reserved Forest (2136mtr) and Thirumalvadi Reserved land (1745mtr) of Palacode Range in Dharmapuri Forest Division for formation of road (3.881km) from Thimmalanmedu to Kotturmalai village – Additional information/clarification called for by the Government of india - Submission of revised proposal- Regarding.

- Ref : 1) Online application uploaded by the Block Development Officer, Pennagaram union, Pennagaram, Dharmapuri District – Proposal No.FP/TN/Road/37176/2018. Dated.22.11.2018
- 2) This office Ref.No.7967/2018/D dated.22.10.2021
- 3) The Conservator of Forests , Dharmapuri Circle, C.No.5268/2019/D Dated.05.05.2022
- 4) The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Chennai. Ref.No.TS3 / 31973 / 2019, Dated.17-06-2022
- 5) The Government of India , MoEF&CC F.No.4- TNB091/2022-CHN/900 Dated.23.08.2022
- 6) The Block Development Officer, Pennagaram union, Pennagaram ROC.No.1435/2019/R2. Dated.02.09.2022
- 7) The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Chennai. Ref.No.TS3 / 31973 / 2019, Dated.21-10-2022
- 8) The Conservator of Forests , Dharmapuri Circle, C.No.5268/2019/D Dated.22.10.2022

- 9) The Block Development Officer, Pennagaram union, Pennagaram. Roc.No.1435/2019/R2 dated.25.12.2022 (Uploaded on Parivesh webportal 27.12.2022)
10. This Office Ref.No.7967/2018/D.dated.27.12.2022
11. The Block Development Officer, Pennagaram union, Pennagaram. Roc.No.1435/2019/R2 dated.25.12.2022 (Rectified proposal uploaded on Parivesh web portal 28.12.2022 and 29.12.2022)

I submit herewith, the revised proposal for diversion of 2.91 hectare of Forest land in Kesarguli Reserved Forest and Thirumalvadi Reserved land of Palacode Range in Dharmapuri Forest Division in Dharmapuri District for formation of road (3.881kms) from Thimmalanmedu to Kotturmalai village in favour of the User Agency the Block Development Officer (BP), Pennagaram Union, Pennagaram, Dharmapuri District.

2) The Forest area proposed for diversion has been inspected by me on 07-10-2021. The site inspection report of the District Forest Officer required for onward transmission of the proposals has been annexed separately and also the revised recommendation letter of the District Forest Officer, Dharmapuri is enclosed in the PART II - S.No.5 of the Additional information details. This may kindly be accepted.

3) The total Forest area required for the proposed road in Kesarguli Reserved Forest and Thirumalvadi Reserved land of Palacode range in Dharmapuri Forest Division is as follows.

a) Kesarguli RF	: 2136X7.50m	= 16020 Sq.m.
b) Thirumalvadi RL:	1745X7.50m	=13080Sq.m.
	Total area	= 29100 Sq.m.
		(or) 2.91 ha

4) Regarding the Compensatory Afforestation land, the user agency ie.,the Block Development Officer (BP), Pennagaram Union, Pennagaram, Dharmapuri District has identified the non-forest land in Survey Field No. 692/5 of No.18 Kammampatti village to an extent of 5.82 ha (The Consent letter has

furnished by the District Collector, Dharmapuri is enclosed in the revised project proposal, because the previous proposal has 10.00Ha of compensatory afforestation land mentioned in proceedings of the District Collector, Dharmapuri)

5) The Non-Forest land in Survey Field No. 692/5 of No.18 Kammampatti village has been inspected by the District Forest Officer, Dharmapuri on 13-12-2022. This non-forest land is supporting good growth of vegetation such as *Acacia nilotica*, *Prosopis* sps, *Acacia leucophloea*, *Azadirachta indica*, *Albezzia lebbeck*, *Acacia ferruginea* etc. This area was planted during 1975-1980 under Social forestry Scheme. Considering the good growth & stock of the plantation, in the non-forest land planting of seedlings as proposed earlier in the CA scheme is not possible. Therefore the Compensatory afforestation to be raised at **Thoppur Reserved Forest (Degraded Forest area)** in 5.82Ha of Dharmapuri Range. This portion of the Thoppur Reserved Forest area also inspected by the REC subcommittee along with the District Forest Officer, Dharmapuri and ascertained that this area can be chosen for the CA area for protecting this forest area from further encroachment and to improve the vegetation in the area. It is quite suitable for raising compensatory afforestation. It is also approachable and manageable on protection point of view. For this purpose, the user agency has given necessary undertaking for payment of cost for Compensatory Afforestation as fixed by the Forest department.

6) In the proposed alignment of the road, the Forest Range Officer, Palacode has stated that, there are 167 number of trees has to be felled in the proposed diversion of 2.91ha of forest area. These trees are spontaneous growth. The User Agency has also given necessary "undertaking" for payment of value of trees as fixed by the forest department for cost of felling including transportation, loading and unloading charges etc.

7) The Rate of Net Present Value may be fixed based on the Honourable supreme court of India judgment dated 28-03-2008 and 07-05-2008 in IA.No.826 in 566 and also the revised rate as per the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Climate Change (Forest Conservation Division), New Delhi, File No.5-3 / 2011-FC (Vol-I) dated.06-01-2022.

ECO class III – consisting of tropical dry deciduous forest

Very dense forest : Rs. 13,57,110 / ha.

Dense forest : Rs. 12,28,590 / ha.

Open forest : Rs. 9,57,780 / ha.

In this case, the rate for Open Forest may be fixed as Net Present Value for 2.91ha. i.e., 2.91ha X Rs 9,57,780 / ha. = **Rs. 27,87,140/-**

Regarding this, the User agency has given necessary “undertaking” for the payment of Net Present Value and Additional Net Present Value if any as fixed by the forest department.

8) The user agency has furnished necessary undertaking for the payment of annual lease rent as assessed by the Forest Department. All the “undertaking” given by the User Agency are enclosed in the proposals itself along with the prescribed checklist.

9) The KML file of the Thoppur reserved Forest of Dharmapuri Range for raising compensatory afforestation 5.82Ha in the degraded Forest area is enclosed.

As observed by the Government of India in the reference 5th cited above, the revised KML file of proposed road alignment lies in the Forest area alone has uploaded by the user agency in the Part I of - Form A

Extract on IRC SP 20-2022 para 2.6.1 and 2.6.3 on clarification for 7.5mtr width of road details furnished by the User agency is enclosed for your kind perusal.

In the alignment of the proposed road, Right of Way No.1, the Right of way to a width of three yards (men and cattle) for one mile was admitted in the Fort St. George Gazette notification of Kesarguli Reserved Forest, page no.831, dated.28.6.1992.

The total length of the road is 3.881kms, in that 2.136Kms (1.602Ha) length of road falls (Kesarguli RF) within the Cauvery South Wildlife sanctuary and it was excluded vide G.O(Ms)No.193 Environment, Climate change and Forests(FR.5) department. dated.07.11.2022 and the balance length of the road 1.745kms(1.308Ha) falls in Thirumalvadi Reserved land which is within the Default Eco Sensitive zone of 10kms Radius. Hence the user agency is informed to obtain the State Board of Wildlife Clearance and it will be submitted shortly.

The User Agency, Block Development Officer, Pennagaram is **unable to edit /change** the previous diverted Forest area in PART I of Form A at Parivesh web portal. Hence a separate justification letter has enclosed in S.No.16 of Additional information details and also the same problem occurred in PART II edit / change of previous diverted Forest area. Therefore the separate justification letter is enclosed in S.No.3 of additional information details. This may be accepted.

Therefore, under these circumstances, I request that the proposal for diversion of 2.91 ha of Forest land in Kesarguli Reserved Forest and Thirumalvadi Reserved land of Palacode Range in Dharmapuri Forest Division for formation of road from Thimmalanmedu to Kotturmalai village may kindly be submitted for getting the concurrence of the Government of India.

Enclosure: As stated above. (Proposal in quadruplicate)

Yours faithfully

Sd/-K.V. Appala Naidu
District Forest Officer,
Dharmapuri Forest Division,
Dharmapuri.

✓ Copy submitted to the Conservator of Forests, Dharmapuri Circle, Dharmapuri.

Copy to the Block Development Officer, Pennagaram union, Pennagaram for information.

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For ^{Fr. S. S. S.} Superintendent
29/12/2022