

**TAMIL NADU FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From

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To

The Conservator of Forests,  
Villupuram Circle,  
Villupuram.

**C.No. D/3801/2022 dated.16.12.2022**

Sir,

Sub : F(C )Act,1980 – Diversion of 0.768 ha in Ravathanallur RF to Assistant Divisional Engineer,Highways,Kallakurichi for widening of Vellimalai - Moolakadu road between Pakkam & Ravathanallur village -reg

Ref : The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,(Head of Forest Force),Chennai ref : TS3/2374/2022 dated : 22.11.2022

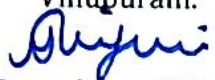
I submit the detail as called for by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai in the reference cited is as follows.

Sl. No	Quarries raised by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai in the reference cited	Reply
1.	<p>In the Part-11 of Form-A authenticated by the District Forest Officer, Villupuram Circle under the Section 4(ii) number of trees available in the proposed forest diversion area recorded as 16 Numbers.</p> <p>But in the Part-II of Form-A authenticated by the Conservator of Forests, Villupuram Circle under the Section 4(ii) number of trees available in the proposed forest diversion area recorded as 302 Numbers.</p>	<p>Now the use agency/ proponent has reported that there is no felling of trees involved in this project vide his ref no.128/2022A1/dated.09.12.2022 and the same has also been uploaded in the portal by the user agency.</p>
2.	<p>In the Part-I of Form-A authenticated by the District Forest Officer, Villupuram Circle under the Section 13(i) for the diversion of 0.768 ha of degraded forest area, compensatory afforestation has been proposed for 0.768 ha of degraded forest area in Rangappanur RF and hard copy of the Compensatory afforestation scheme including maintenance of plantation for a period of 10 years, chain link fencing around the plantation to prevent biotic pressure (Rs. 4,56,000) and engaging protection mazdoor for 3 year period (Rs. 7,03,500) has been furnished for total financial outlay of Rs. 28,53,500/</p> <p>But in the Part-II of Form-A authenticated by the Conservator of Forests, Villupuram Circle, details in compensatory afforestation scheme is not there.</p>	<p>Now it has corrected.</p>

3.	Instructions issued in Principal Chief Conservator of Forests ref. No. TS422483/2022, dated 13.10.2022 for preparation of scheme compensatory afforestation has not been followed. (both the catch water pits and semi circular bunds provided, 10% casualty replacement work Weeding and soil proposed for 2 year maintenance work, working from 3" year maintenance to 10 year maintenance not proposed and scrapping of fire lines proposed)	Compensatory afforestation scheme has been prepared as per the instructions of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai.
4.	As per Section 2.5 of Special provisions for Compensatory Afforestation under the Hand book of Forests Conservation Act, 1980 and Forest Conservation Rule 2003 communicated during March 2019, CA shall be raised and maintained at the cost of user agency on degraded forest land twice in extent of the forest area diverted in the case of construction of link roads. However, this norm has not been followed in the proposal.	Now such norms following.
5.	The District Forest Officer and Conservator of Forests have not reported right any details on right of way available, existing road surface, widening of road proposed etc.,	This road was formed by the Highways Department prior to 1980 and maintained by them. There is no right of way allowed as per the notifications.
6.	The Conservator of Forests, Villupuram Circle in C. No. dated 07.11.2022 has D/921/2022 reported that, 16 number of trees which are to be felled for the project is not spontaneous tree and it was planted by the Forest Department. The user agency informed that 16 numbers felling trees does not arise due to the alignment of road is being placed to avoid felling of trees, In case, it will arise in future, prior permission may be obtained from the Green Committee. In this connection necessary undertaking and certificates furnished by the User Agency. Above stated undertaking has not been uploaded by the user agency in the Part-I of Form-A and hard copy not enclosed.	Reply furnished under item 1 is deemed fit for this.
6.	The user agency has reported that length of road in RF area is 640m and existing road surface is 5.50m and road expansion work proposed as follows. BT Road proposed – 7.00m Berms on each side – 2.5m on either side Total width of road – 12.00m	The area over an extent of 0.768 Hec proposed for diversion for this project.

Encl : As stated above

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