

TAMIL NADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

From

To

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The Conservator of Forests,
Dharmapuri Circle,
Dharmapuri – 5.

C. No. 7879 / 2022 / D, dated 28-10-2022

Sir,

Sub : Forests – Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 – Hosur Forest Division – Proposal for diversion of 1.52ha of forest land in S.F. Nos. 954-956, 959-965, 970-972, 977 and 978 of Ayaranapalli Village, Shoolagiri Taluk, Krishnagiri District for formation of road leading "from Rayakottai – Kelamangalam road to TATA Electronic Company – Clarification details sought by the Government of India – online submission of the proposal – Regarding

Ref : 1) Online application uploaded by the Block Development Officer, Shoolagiri, Krishnagiri District – Proposal No. FP/TN/Road/144777/2021 dated 20-07-2021 and resubmission of proposal on 30-09-2021 and 08-09-2021.
2) The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Department), Chennai Ref. No. TS3/27218/2021 dated 19-10-2022.
3) The Conservator of Forests, Dharmapuri C.No. 6762/2021/D dated 20-10-2022.

I submit to state that, as per the shortcomings raised by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Department), Chennai in the Ref (2) cited above, and also as per the instructions by the Conservator of Forests, Dharmapuri in the Ref (3) cited above in the proposal for diversion of 1.52ha of forest land in S.F. Nos. 954-956, 959-965, 970-972, 977 and 978 of Ayaranapalli Village, Shoolagiri Taluk, Krishnagiri District for formation of road leading from Rayakottai - Kelamangalam road to TATA Electronic Company, I submit my replies is as follows.

CA Scheme

The Compensatory Afforestation scheme is prepared based on the model estimate communicated by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai in letter No.TS4 / 24632 / 2022 dated 13-10-2022 and also as per the guidelines. Total value of CA scheme is calculated for Rs. 53.187 lakhs and this may be approved.

Accordingly, the following provisions are made in the estimate.

- i. Forming catch water drains for each plant is proposed in the CA scheme estimate during planting only.
- ii. Casualty replacement (10%) is proposed in the CA scheme estimate during 1st year maintenance only, instead of 1st year and 2nd year maintenance already proposed.
- iii. As per the model estimate communicated by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai in letter No.TS4 / 24632 / 2022 dated 13-10-2022, scraping weeding for 1m dia. and soil working is proposed in the CA scheme estimate.
- iv. The proposed Compensatory Afforestation land is a hillock with gentle slope and the type of vegetation is dry deciduous scrubby with highly degraded forest, which is located adjoining to the Sanamavu Reserve Forest of Hosur Range. It is observed that, wildlife such as Leopard, Spotted deer, Indian hare and Wild boar, etc., present in and around the CA Land. There is also a seasonal and occasional movement of elephants noticed. Hence, for protection of plantation from damage of wildlife especially elephants, erection of Hanging Solar Fence has been proposed around the CA Land with 10 year maintenance. It is also informed that, while implementing the Hanging Solar Fencing, the guidelines and cost estimate approved by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden will be followed.

- v. The Compensatory Afforestation scheme is prepared based on the model estimate communicated by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai in letter No.TS4 / 24632 / 2022 dated 13-10-2022.

Further, it also submitted that, as per the field conditions and also as per the instructions of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai vide reference No. TS3/15954/2022, dated 18-10-2022 for another FC Act project proposed in the same field in S.F. Nos. 954-956, 959-965, 970-972, 977 and 978 of Ayaranapalli Village (FC CT Proposal No. FP/TN/Trans/155570/2022), the following changes have been made in Part-II of Form-A in the web portal.

- (i) The legal status of the proposed diversion area is now corrected as **“Forest by dictionary meaning”** instead of “Unclassified Forests”.
- (ii) Sl.No.8(i), the details of wildlife present in around the forest land proposed for diversion is now changed as **“Occasional / Seasonal movement of Elephant found”** instead of “No direct and indirect signs recorded”.
- (iii) Sl.No.8(ii) is now changed as **“Yes”** instead of “No”.

(Because, the proposed diversion area, though it is not part of any notified Wildlife Corridor, the Elephants seasonally and occasionally use it. The distance from the nearest boundary of the sanctuary (Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary) to this proposed area is at about 2.10 km, and there is seasonal and occasional movement of elephants noticed from the sanctuary area to the proposed area and around for crop raid. There is also a railway line passing close to the proposed diversion area at a distance of nearly 2.00 km for a length of nearly 10km, which is located between Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary and the proposed area. In the year 2003 and 2013, totally 7 number of elephants died due to train hit in this railway stretch). In order to manage Human–Elephant negative interaction, the Wildlife Mitigation plan has been proposed in another project located in the same field (FC Act Proposal No. FP/TN/Trans/155570/2022) for a sum of Rs.765.00 lakhs and submitted to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden,

Chennai for approval vide Wildlife Warden, Hosur C.No. 7228/2022/D dated 19.09.2022.

- (iv) Sl.No.8(iv) is now changed as “Yes” instead of “No”.
(Because, the proposed diversion area as well as the area to a radius of more than 5.00 km from the proposed diversion area, Elephants seasonally and occasionally use for seasonal crop raid.)
- (v) Sl.No.8(v) is now changed as “Yes” instead of “No”.
(Because of Occasional / Seasonal movement of Elephant is found in the proposed area).

Further, it is also submitted that, the revised site inspection report, specific recommendations and site suitability certificate for CA scheme are updated with above clarifications (Wildlife point of view) and uploaded in the web portal. The same is enclosed herewith.

Therefore, under the above circumstances, I request that the proposal for diversion of 1.52ha of forest land in Rayakottai Range of Hosur Forest Division for formation of road leading from Rayakottai - Kelamangalam road to TATA Electronic Company may kindly be submitted for getting the concurrence of the Government of India.

Enclosure: Documents in quadruplicate.

Yours faithfully

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Wildlife Warden,
Hosur Forest Division,
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