



ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS(FR.10)
DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT,
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Letter No.15941/FR.10/2020-2, Dated. 11.02.2021

From
Dr. Shekhar Kumar Niraj, I.F.S.,
Special Secretary (Forests).

To
✓ The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoD),
Chennai-15.

Sir,

Sub: Forests - Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Vellore Circle /
Tirupathur Forest Division – Proposal for diversion of 3.439 ha
of forest land in Necknamalai Reserved Forests of Tirupathur
Forest Division for formation of road from Muniranvattam to
Necknamalai to a length of 5.525 km in Tirupathur District in
favour of Block Development Officer, Alangayam Union,
Alangayam, Tirupathur District – Details called for - Regarding.

Ref: 1. Your letter No.TS3/7022/2020, dated 11.11.2020.
2. Government letter No.15941/FR.10/2020-1, dated
21.12.2020.
3. Your letter No.TS3/7022/2020, dated 27.01.2021.

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I am directed to invite attention to your letter third cited and to request you to clarify the following points to Government immediately:-

- i. Approxitimately how many people would be utilizing the proposed road;
- ii. How do the people commute at present?
- iii. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and the District Forest Officer stated in their reports that there would be permanent disturbance to wildlife besides causing habitat fragmentation and causing fire incidents etc. However these points have been omitted in your proposal. Besides, if these are the observations of the field officers, how have they planned to address them and what would be the plan to mitigate the wildlife-negative impacts.
- iv. The proposal asks for Rs.20 lakhs each year for 5 years to mitigate fire, provide water, etc. The proposal does not however provide details of any plan to carry out the task to mitigate the wildlife-negative impacts and hence in that respect becomes a bit ad-hoc.
- v. The User Agency states that the road formation would generate regular employment for 581 persons and temporary employment for 11,729 people. Has it been discretely examined and do these precise numbers stand true situations?
- vi. Whether the above inter-alia have been checked and confirmed before sending the proposal?

Yours faithfully,

S. Mohamed Yusuf
for Special Secretary (Forests)