Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Department), Panagal Maaligai, Saidapet, Chennai-15.

Dated: 03.12.2021.

- Sub Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 Proposal for diversion of 0.33 ha of forest land in Aramby Reserved Forests for formation of road to combined court complex at Udagamandalam in Nilgiris District Proposal forwarded Regarding.
- Ref 1 Online application uploaded by the User Agency District Court, Udagamandalam, The Nilgiris District Proposal No. FP/TN/Road/101799/ 2020, dated 28.12.2020 and resubmission of proposal on 15.06.2021.
 - 2 Principal Chief Conservator of Forests letter No. TS3/49400/2020 dated 25.06.2021.
 - 3 Part-II of Form-A uploaded in the web portal by the District Forest Officer, Nilgiris Forest 29.10.2021
 - 4 Part-III of Form-A uploaded by the Conservator of Forests, Coimbatore Circle on 02.11.2021
 - 5 Conservator of Forests, Coimbatore Circle C. No. 1577/2021/D1, dated 18.11.2021

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Attention of the Conservator of Foretss is invited to the references cited.

Online application uploaded by CAO, District Court, Udagamandalam, Nilgiris District under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.33 ha of forest land in Aramby Reserved Forests for formation of road to combined court complex at Udagamandalam in Nilgiris District in Nilgiris Forest Division area has been forwarded by the Circle through online vide reference 4th cited and hard copies have been furnished in the reference 5th cited above.

In the forest clearance proposal following shortcomings have been noticed.

- i) Hard copy of the Part-I of Form-A has been furnished with uploading of 14 documents. Whereas in the online, 15 documents have been uploaded. Hence updated Part-I of Form-A may be obtained from the user agency and furnish the same.
- ii) For the diversion of 0.33 ha of forest area involving felling of 69 trees, the District Forest Officer, Nilgiris Forest Division has identified forest area in Wenlockdown RF over an area of 3.10 ha for planting of 690 saplings. However,

Site suitability certificate of the selected forest area has not been uploaded along with the CA scheme.

- iii) As per the site inspection report of District Forest Officer, in the identified forest diversion area, 69 pinus trees standing were planted by Research Range of Forest Genetics Division of Coimbatore Circle during the year 1968. The District Forest Officer has not reported whether this plot area is under the control of Nilgiris Forest Division or Forest Genetics Division Coimbatore. If required NOC from the Forest Genetics Division, Coimbatore for felling of standing trees planted during 1968 has to be obtained.
- iv) Detailed justification for providing chain link fencing around the CA plantation area in the Wenlockdown RF area has not been furnished by the District Forest Officer.
- v) District Forest Officer may be instructed to upload the details of District Profile in Sl. No. 14 of Part-II of Form-A in the web portal and to furnish the updated Part-II of Form-A

Sd/- V. Naganathan, For Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Department)

To
The Conservator of Forests and Field Director, Mudhumalai Tiger Reserve,
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Senior Draughting Officer.