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Office of the Principal Chief Conservator  
of Forests (Head of Forest Force),  
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Dated: 08.02.2023.

- Sub Forests - Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Proposal for diversion of 5.00 ha of forest land for Thimmalanmedu to Kotturmalai road in Dharmapuri Forest Division – Additional information/clarification called for by the Government of India - Revised proposal furnished - Regarding.
- Ref 1 Online application uploaded by the Block Development Officer (BP), Pennagaram, Dharmapuri District - Proposal No. FP/TN/Road/37176/2018
- 2 Part-II of Form-A uploaded by the District Forest Officer, Dharmapuri Division on 22.10.2021
- 3 Part-III of Form-A uploaded by the Conservator of Forests, Dharmapuri Circle on 04.02.2022 and resubmission of proposal on 05.05.2022.
- 4 Principal Chief Conservator of Forests letter No. TS3/31973/2019 dated 17.06.2022
- 5 Government letter No. 11028/FR.10/2022-1, dated 22.07.2022
- 6 Government of India letter F.No. 4-TNB091/2022-CHN/900, dated 23.08.2022
- 7 Resubmission of proposal by the Conservator of Forests, Dharmapuri Circle on 26.09.2022 (Ref. No. 5268/2019/D, dated 24.09.2022)
- 8 Principal Chief Conservator of Forests letter No. TS3/31973/2019 dated 21.10.2022
- 9 Resubmission of proposal by the Conservator of Forests, Dharmapuri Circle on 10.01.2023 (Ref. No. 5268/2019/D, dated 10.01.2023)

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

As per the kml file observations made the Government of India, the user agency has revised the forest area requirement for the project proposal by uploading revised kml file and the forest area requirement revised to 2.91 ha from the earlier proposed area of 5.00 ha.

As per the kml file uploaded by the user agency, and report of District Forest Officer, 1.602 ha of forest land comprising 2136m length with 7.50m width area in Kesarkului RF and 1.308 ha of forest land in comprising 1745m length with 7.50m width in Thirumalvadi RL is proposed for diversion for the project proposal.

Hence the forest clearance proposal furnished for 5.00 ha area had been revised to 2.91 ha area and necessary corrections wherever editable options available in the web portal have been made.

The Conservator of Forests is informed that following shortcomings have been noticed in the report furnished on the additional details/clarification called for by the Government of India.

i) Part-I of Form-A with 18 documents under additional information details section has been uploaded in the parivesh web portal. However, hard copy of the proposal furnished with 16 documents uploading.

ii) Compensatory afforestation with 2910 number of seedlings planting in 5.92 ha of degraded forest area in Thoppur RF instead of 5.92 ha of non-forest land identified by the user agency in Kammampatty village of Dharmapuri District.

As per the para 2.4(vi) under Chapter 2 of Compensatory Afforestation of handbook of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 and Forest Conservation Rule 2003 issued by the Government of India during 2019, CA scheme with 1000 plants per ha of non-forest land shall be prepared. In case, it is not possible to raise plantation at the rate of 1000 plants per ha on the selected non-forest land, then the balance plants shall be planted on degraded forest land. Hence the CA scheme should be revised according to the guidelines issued by the Government of India.

iii) Further, the site suitability certificate of identified CA land and CA scheme selected degraded forest land has not been uploaded in the Part-II of Form-A and work cost estimate of Chain link fencing around the CA plantation area with working sheet has not been uploaded in the web portal. .

iv) As per the India Road Congress Special Publication 20 of Rural Roads manual 2022, Road way width of 6.00m in mountainous and steep terrain may be adopted and on roads subjected to heavy snowfall and landslides, where regular snow or debris clearance is done over long period to keep the road open to traffic, roadway width may be increased to 1.50m.

The District Forest Officer has not justified the adoption of 7.50m width for the proposed road and confirm whether the proposed area falls under above category, if so, measures suggested to prevent soil erosion in the area may be prepared and furnished with the proposal.

v) CA scheme selected degraded forest area marked in the Survey of India topo sheet and DGPS reading of the selected area has not been uploaded in the Part-II of Form-A.

Above details may be furnished immediately so as to forward the revised proposal to the Government to obtain approval from the Government of India.

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For Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Forest Force)

To

The Conservator of Forests, Dharmapuri Circle, Dharmapuri.

The District Forest Officer, Dharmapuri Division, Dharmapuri.

Copy to Block Development Officer BP, Pennagaram Union, Pennagaram, Dharmapuri District. (User Agency)

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