

HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT

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(C&M) Division, Thiruvallur.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Forest Department, Panagal Maligai Saidapet, Chennai-15

## Letter No. 5737/ 2007-08/ JD O-3/ dated 16.03.2016.

Sir.

Sub: Highways - Chennai(H), C&M Circle - Thiruvallur (H) C&M Division -Construction of High Level Bridge at Km 0/4 of Chennai - Pulicat Road at Pasiyavaram including approaches - Pulicat Bird Sanctuary -Forest Clearance Act 1980 -uploaded copy sent- Regarding.

- The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Head of Department FAC), Panagal Building, Saiclapet, Chennai-15 Lr.No.TS3/15325 //2015/ dated 04.11.2015.
- 2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Head of Department FAC), Panagal Building, Saidapet, Chennai-15. Lr.No.TS3/31240/2015/ datecl 18.11.2015.
- 3. Chief Engineer (H) Construction and Maintenance, Chemnai-5, Memo. No. 17603/ Contracts-2/ 2014-15 dated 21.12.2015.
- 4. Superintending Engineer (H), Construction and Maintenance, Chennai Circle, Chennai-600 006, Letter No.9232/ 2010/ D-1/ dated 23.12.15.
- 5. G.O. Rt. No. 12/ Highways and Minor Ports (HW-2) Dept. dt. 14.1.16.
- 6. Chief Engineer (H) Construction and Maintenance, Chennai-5, Memo. No. 17603/ Contracts-2/ 2014-15 dated 18.01.2016.
- 7. The Divisional Engineer(H), C&M, Thiruvallur Letter No. 5737/ 2007-08/ JDO-3/ dated 20.1.2016. .

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I wish to inform that the work of "Construction of High Level Bridge at Km 0/4 of Chennai - Pulicat Road to Pasiyavaram Road including forming approaches" has been sanctioned under Tsunami Rehabilitation Programme in the year 2007-08 for Rs.18.20 Crores vide G.O.Ms.No.363/ Revenue (NT IV (1)) Department dated 03.09.2009 adopting Public Work Department Norms. •

Based on the Design and Drawing proof checked by the Office of the Chief Engineer (H) Design and Investigation an estimate was prepared providing 20 Spans of 21.60m c/c with T-Beam cum Slab, Super Structure, etc., with the above provisions the estimate was technically sanctioned on 14.10.2012 for Rs.14.50 Crores, so as to benefit the people to reach Pasiyavaram and near by villages from Chennai – Pulicat Road across Pulicat Lake.

Since the Pulicat Lake is a Bird Sanctuary and the above bridge construction site is located in the above area, for which the clearance from the Ministry of Environment and Forest Department through Chief Wildlife Warden and the Green Bench of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India is required.

The Hon'ble High Court of Madras 1<sup>st</sup> Division Bench has taken the SUO MOTTO Writ Petition W.P.No.21199/2013 for directing the respondents to take appropriate immediate action for Transportation of children to attend the school as well as the public to reach their destination across the lake.

The Highways Department to file the interlocutory Application in Writ Petition Civil No. 202 of 1995 T.N.Godavarman, Thirumalpal vs Union of India and Others before the Green Bench of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. The above Application filed before Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on 06.07.2015 in IA No 3889-3890/2015, after the recommendation of National Board of Wild Life, Government of India.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India has released a verdict on 05.10.2015 (received in this office on 20.10.15 from the Advocate on records) in different heads as the Hon'ble Supreme Court request the NBWL to furnish copy of orders passed by it within 30 days time to the C.E.C. The C.E.C. is at liberty if, for any reason they are aggrieved by the decision of NBWL to approach Hon'ble Supreme Court by filing an appropriate petition / application. In all those matters where there is already decision of the NBWL shall abide the parties with all the conditions imposed therein. If any party is aggrieved by the decision of the Standing Committee of the NBWL, they are at liberty to approach an appropriate Forum for appropriate relief(s). With the above the Hon'ble Supreme Court disposed the Interlocutory Applications / matters specified in Annexure-II to the note supplied by Shri Harish Salve, learned amicus curiae.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Panagal Building, Saidapet requested the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Director, Vandalore Zoo, Vandalore and Wildlife Warden, Guindy Children Park, Guindy in Letter No.TS3/15325/2012, Dated 03.09.2015 to inform the user agency ie., Divisional Engineer (H) C&M Thiruvallur to take necessary action to upload the proposal for

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getting clearance from the Government of India Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 and only the copy of above letter was received in this office on 01.10.2015.

With the guidenance of Forest Department, the survey of India Map and KFML Map and other particulars regarding proposed construction of bridge were collected and uploaded on 05.11.2015.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Panagal Building, Saidapet has mentioned some defects / short comings in letters No.TS3/31240/2015/Dt:18.11.2015.

Further, it is informed that the Chief Wild Life Warden has communicated the conditions of NBWL to this office on 09.03.2016 only. The Highways Department has uploaded the short comings to the forest clearance web portal on 16.03.2016.

Hence, I herewith to send the copy of uploaded Form A format for seeking prior approval of Central Government under section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 198 for Diversion of Forest area.

I request you to take further action regarding the permission for the construction of Bridge as early.

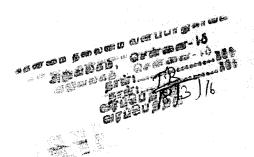
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Copy to District Collector, Thiruvallur District.

Copy to Wild life warden, Guindy Children Park



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