

- Sub: Forests - Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Trichy Circle / Thanjavur Forest Division – Proposal for diversion of 0.82ha of forest land for initial rectification including widening, strengthening and improvements and performance based maintenance contract for a period of 60 months in State Highways and major district roads – Online proposal submitted by the User Agency – Assistant Divisional Engineer, Highways Construction and Maintenance, Thiruvaiyaru -Regarding.
- Ref: 1. Online application uploaded by the User Agency – Assistant Divisional Engineer, Highways Construction and Maintenance, Thiruvaiyaru (FP/TN/ROAD /149622/2021).
- 2 Revised Online application uploaded by the User Agency on 01.01.2022
- 3 Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Ir, No: 42877/2021/TS4 dated 04.01.2022 & 28.01.2022.
- 4 Part-II uploaded by District Forest Officer, Thanjavur on 09.02.2022
- 5 Part-III uploaded by the Chief Conservator of Forests, Trichy on 22.02.2022
- 6 District Forest Officer, Thanjavur C.No:D/2271/2021 dated 09.02.2022
- 7 Chief Conservator of Forests, Trichy C.No:954/2022/D dated 18.02.2022

Attention of the DFO, Thanjavur is invited to the references 4 & 6th cited.

The Part-II of the above proposal for diversion of 0.82ha of forest land for initial rectification including widening, strengthening and improvements and performance based maintenance contract for a period of 60 months in State Highways and major district roads in the references cited have been scrutinised and the following points are furnished.

The District Forest Officer, Thanjavur has furnished in Section-13 of Part-II, for the details of Compensatory Afforestation scheme as NA.(Not Applicable.). This is not correct.

As per the Forest Conservation Act 1980 guidelines in **Section 2.6. Provision for plantation of specified number of trees by way of CA in certain cases, it is stated that,**

(i) In the following cases, cost of plantation (including ten years maintenance) of ten times the number of trees likely to be felled or specified number of trees as may be specified in the order for diversion of forest land (subject to a minimum no. of 100 plants), shall be levied from the user agency towards compensatory afforestation:

(a) Clearing of naturally grown trees in forest land or in portion thereof for the purpose of using it for reforestation,

(b) Diversion of forest land up to one hectare,

Hence the District Forest Officer, Thanjavur is requested to upload the revised Part-II by uploading the Compensatory Afforestation scheme in the Section 13, along with the land identified for Compensatory Afforestation, GPS readings, cost of plantation along with 1-10 years maintenance in section 13 of Part II. Details regarding violation may also be furnished in section 12 of Part II.

Also the District Forest Officer is requested to instruct the user agency to obtain necessary orders from the SC of India for felling of trees of spontaneous growth.

The District Forest Officer is requested to upload the revised part II of Form A Proposal along with the site inspection report , recommendation letter etc. and forward the same to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Trichy through online early.

The timeline for submission of proposal prescribed in the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 guidelines should strictly be followed.

Sd/- V.Naganathan

For Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Department)

To

The District Forest Officer, Thanjavur division.

Copy to

1. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Trichy for necessary action.

The Chief Conservator of Forests is requested to scrutinise the revised part-II uploaded by the District Forest Officer thoroughly and upload the Part-III recommendation along with his site inspection report.

2. The (user agency) Assistant Divisional Engineer, Highways Construction and Maintenance, Thiruvaiyaru

/True copy/ By order/

P. Anand
Senior Draughting Officer
10/3/2022