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By On-line / E-mail

C.No.TS3/31973/2019

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

Dated: 01.03.2022.

Sub Forests - Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Dharmapuri Circle /
Division - Proposal for diversion of 5.00 ha of forest land for
Thimmalanmedu to Kotturmalai road in Dharmapuri Forest
Division – Proposal forwarded by the Circle - Regarding.

- Ref 1 Online application uploaded by the User Agency – Block
Development Officer BP, Pennagaram Union, Pennagaram,
Dharmapuri District, Pin code 636 801 Proposal No.
FP/TN/Road/37176/2018,
- 2 Principal Chief Conservator of Forests letter No.
TS3/31973/2019 dated 14.10.2019
- 3 Part-II of Form-A uploaded by the District Forest Officer,
Dharmapuri Division on 22.10.2021
- 4 Part-III of Form-A uploaded by the Conservator of Forests,
Dharmapuri Circle on 04.02.2022.
- 5 Hard copy of the proposal submission by the Conservator of
Forests, Dharmapuri Circle in Endt letter No. D/5268/2019,
dated 04.02.2022.

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

1) In the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests reference 2nd cited, On-line application received from the Block Development Officer BP, Pennagaram Union, Pennagaram, Dharmapuri District under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 5.00 ha of forest land in Kesarkuli RF for formation of road from Thimmalanmedu to Kotturmalai road in Dharmapuri Forest Division in Dharmapuri District had been forwarded to the District Forest Officer, Dharmapuri Division with instructions to scrutinize the proposal received from the User Agency with reference to the guidelines and to take necessary follow up action as per Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 guidelines and other Act and Rules in-force within the timeline prescribed in the Act.

2) As per the time line details, after obtaining EDS reply from the user agency on 17.07.2021 and 24.09.2021, the proposal has been forwarded by the

District Forest Officer, Dharmapuri Division to the Conservator of Forests, Dharmapuri Circle on 22.10.2021 and EDS reply furnished to the Circle on 03.02.2022.

3) The Conservator of Forests has forwarded the proposal to Nodal Officer through online on 04.02.2022 and furnished the hard copy of the proposal vide reference 5th cited above.

4) In the proposal furnished by the Conservator of Forests, following shortcomings have been noticed.

i) In the web portal, in Part-I of Form-A, the user agency has uploaded 21 documents under additional information details section. However, authenticated hard copy of the proposal has been furnished with 19 documents.

ii) Further documents uploaded under Section L-v, vi and Sl. No. 16 and 19 have not been enclosed in the hard copy of the proposal.

iii) Document uploaded in Section K-a and hard copy submitted are differing.

iv) In the Part-II of Form-A under 4-ii, species wise and girth class wise enumeration of trees reported as NIL. However, in the site inspection report it has been reported that in the alignment of the proposed road, there are 167 numbers which are spontaneous growth in nature are exist and requires felling.

v) Abstract of the CA scheme only uploaded. Year wise CA scheme has not been uploaded in the web portal along with site suitability certificate of the identified CA land. CA scheme with 10 year maintenance of plantation as proposed in other forest Conservation Act proposal may be uploaded in the CA scheme.

vi) In the hard copy of the proposal, documents not uploaded in the web portal have been furnished.

vii) Authenticated copy of Part-III of Form-A uploaded by the Conservator of Forests has not been furnished.

viii) In the Conservator of Forests recommendation of the project proposal, it has been reported that as per the report of the District Forest Officer, Dharmapuri it is seen that naturally grown trees are existing in the identified CA land and looks like a forest and found to be convenient from management point of view and suitable for raising compensatory afforestation and the plantable area seems to be less. Therefore as per the stipulation for compensatory afforestation, the targeted

seedlings will be planted in the CA area and in the degraded forest area of Dharmapuri Range.

a) As per the Government of India guidelines, for compensatory afforestation, number of plants to be planted over non forest land identified for compensatory afforestation land shall be at least 1000 plants per hectare of forest land diverted. If the requisite number of plants @ 1000/ ha cannot be planted on the non-forest land identified for taking up CA, then the balance number of plants shall be planted in degraded forest land as per the provisions in the working plan.

Hence CA scheme should be prepared for the non-forest CA land as well as degraded forest area identified for the project adhering the Government of India guidelines and relevant documents/Maps//kml file of degraded forest area should be uploaded in the web portal.

5) As informed earlier, online forest clearance proposal submitted by the user agency should be thoroughly verified with reference to the documents/details uploaded in the web portal by the Division processing authority and its correctness should be ensured. While processing the forest clearance proposal, time limit prescribed in the Act should be followed strictly.

6) While forwarding the proposal to the Nodal Officer, the Conservator of Forests should ensure that the documents uploaded in the web portal are furnished in hard copy and correctness of the details.

7) Hard copies of the proposal furnished in the reference 5th cited is returned herewith for rectification and submission of proposal in complete shape.

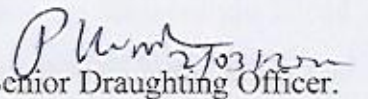
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For Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Department)

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)

/ True copy / By order /


Senior Draughting Officer.