C.No.TS3/33459/2021

Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Department), Forest Head Quarters Building, Guindy-Velachery Main Road, Guindy, Chennai-32.

Dated: 26.03.2024.

- Sub Forests Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 Proposal for diversion of 0.3441 ha of forest land in Bommiyampatti RF of Salem Division for legalizing the temple rights of Lokur Sri Kulikattu Muniyappan Temple in Salem District in favour of Salem Lokur Sri Kulikattu Muniyappan Temple, Kanavaipudur-Lokur Village, Omalur Taluk, Salem District Proposal forwarded Regarding.
- Ref 1 Online application uploaded by the User Agency Salem Lokur Sri Kulikattu Muniyappan Temple, Kanavaipudur-Lokur Village, Omalur Taluk, Salem District Proposal No. FP/TN/Others/17774/2016, dated 29.01.2016 and resubmission of proposal on 16.09.2020
  - 2 Principal Chief Conservator of Forests reference No. TS3/33459/2020, dated 12.10.2021
  - 3 Part-II of Form-A uploaded by the District Forest Officer, Salem Forest Division, Salem on 25.05.2023
  - 4 Part-III of Form-A uploaded by the Conservator of Forests, Salem Circle, Salem on 10.11.2023

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

- 1) In the reference 1<sup>st</sup> cited above, the Salem Lokur Sri Kulikattu Muniyappan Temple, Kanavaipudur-Lokur Village, Omalur Taluk, Salem District represented by the Temple Priest (Poosari) has uploaded online forest clearance proposal under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.3915 ha of forest land in Bommiyampatti Reserved Forests for existing temple of Lokur Sri Kulikattu Muniyappan Temple in Salem District.
- 2) In the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests reference 2<sup>nd</sup> cited, proposal has been forwarded to the District Forest Officer, Salem Division to further process the proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
- 3) The Conservator of Forests, Salem Circle has reported that, inspected the area on 21.07.2023 and there exists a temple in the forest land to be diverted and

occupies an extent of 260 sq.m . Total area of temple including open area under usage is 0.3441 ha as recommended by the District Forest Officer, However, the existence of temple could not be traced out in the original reserved Forest notification.

The Conservator of Forests/District Forest Officer has recommended for legalizing temple rights over the forest land of area 0.3441 ha in Bommiyampatti RF under Forest Conservation Act provided the trust deed and documentary evidence of existence of the temple before 1980 are submitted by the user agency subject to usual terms and conditions of the FCA 1980.

The Conservator of Forests/District Forest Officer is requested to furnish the documentary evidence of existence of temple before 1980 and details of rights allowed for the temple if any.

Sd/- Yogesh Singh,
For Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Department)

To

The Conservator of Forests, Salem Circle, Salem.

Copy to the District Forest Officer, Salem Forest Division, Salem.

Copy to the Temple Priest (Poosari) Salem Lokur Sri Kulikattu Muniyappan Temple, Kanavaipudur-Lokur Village, Omalur Taluk, Salem District Pincode 636 354 (User Agency).

/ True copy / By order /

Senior Draughting Officer