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

Dated: 20.04.2022.

Sub Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Proposal for diversion of 0.225 ha of forest land in Udagai Rural Extension I Reserved Forest for approach road for construction of resort in Ooty Rural village of Nilgiris District – Forwarded - Regarding.

- Ref 1 Online application uploaded by the User Agency – M/s Total Environment Habitat P Ltd, No. 4/41, Tuneri Main Road, GCP Dotabetta Ooty, Nilgiris District Pin code 643002 - Proposal No. FP/TN/Road/26490/2017
- 2 Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Ref. No. TS3/15403/2019, dated 17.10.2020
- 3 Part-II of Form-A uploaded by the District Forest Officer, Nilgiris Forest Division on 18.02.2022
- 4 Part III of Form A uploaded by the Conservator of Forests and Field Director, Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, Udagamandalam on 22.03.2022

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Attention of the Conservator of Forests and Field Director, Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, Udagamandalam is invited to the references cited.

1) M/s Total Environment Habitat P Ltd, No. 4/41, Tuneri Main Road, GCP Dotabetta Ooty, Nilgiris District Pin code 643002 has submitted online forest clearance proposal under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.36 ha of fresh forest land for approach road to patta fields in which construction of Resort proposed in Doddabetta - Ooty Rural village of Nilgiris District.

i) The user agency has applied diversion of forest area for formation of an approach road to their patta fields and proposed to be utilized for construction of Resort. The user agency has reported in the project proposal that the length and breadth of the existing forest road currently available for usage is 240.20m in length and 15.0m in breadth.

2) In the references 3rd and 4th cited the District Forest Officer, Nilgiris Forest Division and Conservator of Forests and Field Director, Mudumalai Tiger

Reserve, Udagamandalam have recommended the forest area diversion proposal for 0.225 ha of land with length of the road for 250m and to a width of 9.00m.

Forest clearance proposal has been scrutinized with reference to the details and documents uploaded in the web portal.

Following shortcomings have been noticed in the proposal.

i) In the Section A-3.xvii of Part-I of Form-A, copy of document in support of the competence/authority of the person making application to make application on behalf of the user agency has not been uploaded.

ii) Forest area diversion has been proposed for 240.20m length and 15m breadth. Kml file uploaded for the proposed forest area diversion proposed is seems to be in-correct.

Further the District Forest Officer has reported that the length of road in forest area would be 250m length and 9.0m width is sufficient.

iii) Documents uploaded under additional details section in Sl. No. 5, 6 of Chitta copy and Sl. No. 8 of partnership power of Attorney have not opened.

iv) Forest area diversion has been proposed by the user agency for 0.36 ha and the District Forest Officer under Section 10 of Part-II of Form-A has reported that the requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency is unavoidable and bare minimum for the project.

However, in the field inspection report and recommendation of the project, it has been reported that, although user agency has applied for 0.36 ha area, access road for the length of 250m and width of 9m for an extent of 0.225 ha through forest area is sufficient.

However details in Part-II of forma A on area details on area to be diverted has not been changed to 0.225 ha

v) The District Forest Officer has reported that Leopard, Indian Gaur, Sambar deer, wild boar, Indian porcupine, barking deer, black naped hare, Malabar giant squirrel are present in and around the forest area proposed for diversion.

However, it has been reported that rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna not found in the area.

Since Leopard is listed as endangered fauna, this section needs to be modified in the Part-II of Form-A.

vi) As per Forest conservation Act, 1980 guidelines, compensatory afforestation is one of the most important requirement/condition for prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of forest land for non-forest purposes and the purpose if compensatory afforestation is to compensate the 'loss of land by land' and 'loss of trees by trees'.

The District Forest Officer has not mentioned anything on the compensation of 'loss of land by land'.

Above shortcomings may be rectified and details uploaded in the web portal for further action.

The Conservator of Forests and Field Director is informed that all the forest clearance proposals has to be processed based on the details/documents uploaded in the web portal and before forwarding the proposal through web portal, it should be ensured to check the correctness of the proposal so as to avoid delay in processing the forest clearance proposal.

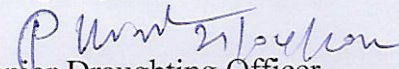
Sd/- V. Karunapriya,
For Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)

To
The Conservator of Forests and Field Director, Mudumalai Tiger Reserve,
Udagamandalam

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