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& FOREST(FR.10) DEPARTMENT,  
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Letter No.22802/FR.10/2021-2, Dated : 24.03.2022

From

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Deputy Secretary to Government.

To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Forest Force)  
Chennai-15.(w.e)

Sir,

Sub: Forests - KMTR, Tirunelveli Circle/ Thoothukudi Division -  
Diversion of 0.42 ha for providing basic amenities to  
the pilgrimage visit the Arulmigu Malaiyandi Sastha  
Ayyanarkoil in Thoothukkudi District in favour of  
the Secretary, Arulmigu Malaiyandi Sastha Ayyanarkoil,  
Thoothukudi District – Additional particulars called for.

Ref: 1. Your Letter No:TS4/24647/2019, dated: 17.12.2021.  
2. From the Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central),  
Gol, MoEF&CC, Chennai letter F.No:4-TNB081/  
2022-CHN/267, dated: 11.03.2022.

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I am directed to enclose a copy of the reference second cited and to request you to furnish the information/ clarification/ documents, as called for therein to Government immediately for onward transmission to Government of India for obtaining their concurrence on the above said proposal.

Yours faithfully,

S. Mohamed Yusef 28/3/2022  
for Deputy Secretary to Government  
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F.No.4-TNB081/2022-CHN/267

Date, 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2022

To,

The Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of Tamil Nadu,  
Environment & Forests Department,  
Secretariat, Fort St. George, Chennai - 600 009.

**Subject: Diversion of 0.42 ha of forest land for providing basic amenities to the pilgrims who visit the Arulmigu Malaiyandi Sastha Ayyanarkoil in Thoothukkudi District- Reg.**

**Reference: The State Government letter No 22802/FR.10/2021-2 dated 09.02.2022**

Sir,

Please refer to the subject and reference and to inform that, this office carried out the site inspection of the project site on 01.03.2022. Upon scrutiny of the proposal and observation made during the site inspection, I am directed to request to submit the following additional information / clarification/ documents etc for further consideration of the proposal;

- The Right of Way to access road to the temple is mentioned as 818 meters in the RF notification whereas actual distance in the field is around 1200 meters. It was informed by the field officials that the alignment of road was changed in due course, due to slope of area and for the requirement of movement of vehicles during monsoon period. Hence requirement of area for using the road in addition to the RoW mentioned in the RF Notification needs clarification;
- As per the temple authorities the original temple was constructed with old rubble masonry wall around the temple. But additional concrete building block (1298 sqft as per DSS estimate) was constructed in northern boundary, and a small pump room (59 sqft as Per DSS estimate) was also constructed but its year of construction is not known to the officials. It needs to be confirmed.

- c. The temple authorities informed that due to large numbers of pilgrims being visited during festival seasons some area in the southern portion was utilized temporarily (0.15 ha as per DSS estimate). Hence it has to be clarified that whether this area is required for the User Agency in future, else the cleared area shall be restored by planting some indigenous trees.
- d. This forest tract is a dry tract receives very less rainfall and having thorny vegetation. Hence during fire season adequate protection shall be ensured.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(K.Karthikeyan)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Forest Department, No.1, Jeenis Road, Panagal Building, Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015.
2. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Forest Department, No.1, Jeenis Road, Panagal Building, Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015
3. Arulmigu Malaiyandi Sastha Ayyanar Kovil, Araikulam, Ottapidaram Taluk, Thoothukkudi, Tamil Nadu 628401. [malaiyandisastha@gmail.com](mailto:malaiyandisastha@gmail.com)
4. Guard file.

Sd/-

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Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)