

C.No.TS4/39100/2019

Office of the Principal Chief Conservator
of Forests, (Head of Forest Force),
Panagal Building,
Saidapet, Chennai - 15.
Dated:24.05.2022.

- Sub: Forests - Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – SMTR, Madurai Circle / Theni Forest Division - Proposal for diversion of 2.839 ha (now revised as 1.658 Ha) of forest land for improvement of Theni Bye-pass road connecting Dindigul-Theni road and Madurai-Cochin road across Valkaradu Reserved Forest - Regarding.
- Ref 1 Online application (FP/TN/Road/41255/2019) uploaded by the Divisional Engineer, Highways Construction and Maintenance, Theni dated: 07.08.2019.
- 2 District Forest Officer, Theni C.No:7304/2013/D dated 26.04/2022
- 3 The CF& FD, SMTR, Madurai C.No:9688/2019/D1 dated 05.05.2022
- 4 Section 2.4(v&vi) of Handbook for Forest Conservation Act 1980
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Attention of the District Forest Officer is invited to the references cited. The user agency handed over non-forest land in S.No.1511/1 in Veerapandi village of Theni District to forest department as compensatory land for the above said project.

The District Forest Officer has provided Compensatory Afforestation Scheme for planting 664 seedlings in 3.316ha of non forest land @ 200 nos. per Ha.

"As per Handbook on Forest Conservation Act 1980, Under chapter 2, Compensatory Afforestation in section 2.4(vi) **State government shall prepare a CA scheme with 1000 plants per ha for all such non-forest lands.** In case it is not possible to raise plantation at the rate of 1000 plants per ha on the selected non-forest land, then the balance plants shall be planted on degraded forest land as per working plan prescriptions. All forest lands which have crown density below 40 percent should only be treated as degraded forest land for the purpose of CA".

The District Forest Officer has provided Compensatory Afforestation Scheme for planting of 664 seedlings over 3.316ha of non forest land @ 200 nos. per Ha.

The District Forest Officer is requested to revise the Compensatory Afforestation scheme as per Government of India guidelines and upload the Part-II along with revised Compensatory Afforestation scheme immediately.

Sd/- V. Karuna Priya
for Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)

To

The District Forest Officer, Theni Division, Theni.

Copy to

1. The Conservator of Forests & Field Director, SMTR, Madurai.

2. The Divisional Engineer, Highways, C&M, Bangala Medu Madurai road, Theni 625531.

/True copy/By Order/

P. Anandhi
Senior Draughting Officer
24/05/2022