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

Dated: 30.05.2019.

- Sub: Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 Chennai Forest Circle / Chengalpattu Forest Division Proposal for diversion of 0.64 ha of forest land in Nallur Reserved Forests of Chengalpattu-Kancheepuram Division for widening the existing approach road leading to Sri Sairam Engineering College and Other Educational Institutions managed by M/s Sapthagiri Educational Trust Online Submission of proposal by the User Agency –Regarding.
- Ref: 1 Online application uploaded by the User Agency Project proponent Thiru. Sai Prakash Leo Muthu CEO of M/s Sri Sairam Educational Trust, Sai Bhavan, No. 318, Madley Road, T. Nagar, Chennai 17 Proposal No. FP/TN/Road/17771/2016
 - Principal Chief Conservator of Forests reference No. TS3/6778/2016, dated 06.08.2018 &10.11.2018
 - Part-II of Form A uploaded by the District Forest Officer, Kancheepuram Division on 07.01.2019
 - 4 Part-III of Form A uploaded by the Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai Circle on 27.02.2019
 - 5 Principal Chief Conservator of Forests ref. No. TS3/6778/2016, dated 28.03.2019 & 29.03.2019
 - 6 Re-submission of proposal by the Chief Conservator of Forests on 28.05.2019
 - 7 Chief Conservator of Forests Ref. No. 1728/2016/D, dated 28.05.2019 (EDS Reply)

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

In the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests references 2nd cited, On-line application received from Thiru. Sai Prakash Leo Muthu CEO of M/s Sri Sairam Educational Trust, Sai Bhavan, No. 318, Madley Road, T. Nagar, Chennai 17 for diversion of 0.56 ha of forest land in Nallur Reserved Forests of Chengalpattu-

Kancheepuram Division for widening the existing approach road leading to Sri Sairam Engineering College and Other Educational Institutions managed by M/s Sapthagiri Educational Trust was forwarded to the District Forest Officer, Kancheepuram Division and subsequently area has been revised to 0.64 ha by the user agency stating that based on field assessment and instructions of the District Forest Officer, revised area requirement has been furnished.

In the reference 3rd and 4th cited, the District Forest Officer and Chief Conservator of Forests have forwarded the forest clearance proposal with their recommendation.

- 5) In Principal Chief Conservator of Forests reference 5th cited, short comings noticed on the proposal and additional details required have been communicated to the Chief Conservator of Forests for rectification and resubmission of the proposal.
- 6) In the reference 6th cited, the Chief Conservator of Forests has resubmitted the proposal through online and furnished reply (vide reference 7th cited) for the essential details called for in the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests reference 5th cited above.
- 7) It is seen from the Part-II of Form-A, the District Forest Officer has revised the Form and uploaded some additional details and modified some data already uploaded.

In the Part-II of Form-A uploaded by the District Forest Officer, following modifications are necessary.

- i) In the Compensatory Afforestation scheme proposal, replacement of casualty has been proposed at 20%, 15%, 10%, 5% & 5% for the maintenance during first five years. This should be in line with the approved model estimates by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests.
- ii) For the protection of CA plantation of 1.28 ha one protection mazdoor has been provided. In the identified degraded forest area of Mannur RF, regular forest staff are employed. Jas per norms, for 40 ha area, one protection mazdoors is allowed. Hence provide justification.

iii) Chain link fencing along the boundary of Nallur RF for 2000 Rm and in Mannur RF for 2000 Rm is not an essential item linked with this forest area diversion.

iv) The purpose of providing one Watch tower in the CA area of 1.28 ha needs to be justified Otherwise this item should be excluded.

v) Demarcation and protection measure of chain link fencing along the diverted forest area (road) along with its maintenance during the diversion period should be entrusted with the user agency as a condition. The DFO has to modify this item accordingly.

8) For the earlier forest area diversion, double the extent of non-forest area has been obtained from the user agency, even though forest area diversion is below one hectare at that time also.

Though Forest Conservation Act 1980 stipulates, compensatory afforestation land may not be insisted for forest area diversion for below one hectare, Valuable forest area may not be diverted to individual purpose-institutional requirement for their commercial purpose without compensating forest loss. Based on this, the user agency also come forward to hand over double the extent of non-forest area adjoining Anjur RF as CA land. The District Forest Officer should inspect the CA land and furnish its site suitability certificate fit for afforestation.

Sd/- S. Yuvaraj, For Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Department)

To

The Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai Circle, Chennai.

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

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