

**C.No.HOTNFD/2317/2025-TS4**

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

Dated: 29-07-2025

Sub: Forests – Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 – Trichy circle – Thanjavur division – proposal for diversion of 0.36 ha of forest land in Avanam RF for upgradation of Kappukkadu earthen road to BT road and street light facilities in Periyamayagipuram panchayat to join the earthen road of the small village North-Thulukkaviduthi, Avanam, Periyamayagipuram, Thanjavur district in favour of Block Development Officer, Peravurani @ Avanam, Thanjavur district – reg.

- Ref: 1. Online application uploaded by Block Development Officer, Peravurani, Thanjavur district, Proposal No. FP / TN / Road / 147896 / 2021 on 30.09.2021.
2. Part-II uploaded by the District Forest Officer, Thanjavur on 27.12.2022.
3. Government of India, R.O., Chennai, Lr. F. No. 4-TNB132 / 2024-CHN/1670 & 675, dt: 22.10.2024 and 30.04.2025.
4. Government Lr. No. 1747/FR.10/2023-3 & 5, dt: 28.10.2024 and 13.05.2025 (EDS forwarded).
5. EDS reply uploaded by the Chief Conservator of Forests, Trichy on 20.03.2025 and 17.07.2025.

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With reference to the above, the Government of India has raised the EDS on 22.10.2024, and stated as follows:

*“(i) As per the KML file, the forest area looks like a small block surrounded by human habitation and agricultural farmlands. The proposed road will bifurcate the Reserved Forest area in two blocks. Therefore, alternatives such as laying road along the periphery / boundary of the Reserved Forest block may be examined if feasible.*

*“(ii) Further, it is observed from the KML that the proposed road abruptly ends within the forest. This may also be clarified.”*

The Chief Conservator of Forests has not fully rectified the shortcomings and submitted the proposal on 20.03.2025. The Government of India has again raised the EDS 30.04.2025 and stated as follows:

*“This is with regard to the above subject wherein EDS reply has been furnished with respect to the proposal. Upon scrutiny of the details submitted by the State Forest Department, it has been observed that the revised kml file uploaded by the State Forest Department is identical to the previously mentioned one. Further, it also does not substantiate the clarification that road ends within the RF whereas the Toposheet drawing indicates that the road crosses the boundary.*

*Hence, I am directed to request to upload the correct kml file in the Parivesh portal along with furnishing relevant clarifications on the EDS sought earlier at the earliest in order to take further necessary action."*

The EDS reply uploaded by the Chief Conservator of Forests on 17.07.2025 has stated that, "*revised / correct KML file has been uploaded by the User Agency (Block Development Officer, Peravurani) in the Parivesh Portal*". On scrutiny, it is found that the shortcomings informed by the Government of India have not been rectified.

Hence, the Chief Conservator of Forests, Trichy, is requested to rectify the above shortcomings and resubmit the proposal along with a reply to the EDS raised by the Government of India, duly signed by him (a hard copy in the shape of "true copy by order" is not accepted by Gol, RO, Chennai) for taking further action immediately.

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Forest Conservation Act)

To

The Chief Conservator of Forests, Trichy.

Copy to the District Forest Officer, Thanjavur.

Copy to the Block Development Officer, Peravurani, Thanjavur District.