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ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE
CHANGE & FOREST
(FR.10) DEPARTMENT,
SECRETARIAT,
CHENNAI 9.

Letter No.9283/FR.10/2022-4, dated 06.07.2023

From
Thiru.J.Mohanraman, B.Sc., B.Ed.,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (HoFF),
Chennai-32 (w.e)

Sir,

Sub: Forests - Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 –Trichy Circle /
Thanjavur Forest Division – Proposal (FP/TN/Road/149622/
2021) for diversion of 0.82 ha of forest land for initial
rectification including widening, strengthening and
improvements and performance based maintenance
contract for a period of 60 months in State Highways and
major district roads – Widening of Thiruverumbur – grand
Anaicut road – in favour of the Assistant Divisional Engineer,
Highways Construction Maintenance, Thiruvaiyaru – Site
inspection Report – Forwarding of - Regarding.

Ref: 1. Your letter No.TS4/42877/2021, dated 23.05.2022.
2. Government letter No.9283/FR.10/2022-1, dated
17.08.2022.
3. From the Deputy Inspector General of Forests(C),
Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests
and Climate Change, IRO, Chennai letter F.No.4/
TNB092 / 2022-CHN/1020, dated 21.09.2022.
4. Government letter No.9283/FR.10/2022-2, dated
30.09.2022.
5. Your letter No.TS4/42877/2021, dated 28.05.2023.
6. Government letter No.9283/FR.10/2022-3, dated
23.03.2023.
7. From the Assistant Inspector General of Forests(C),
Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests
and Climate Change, IRO, Chennai letter F.No.4/
TNB092/2022-CHN/660, dated 26.05.2023.

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I am directed to enclose a copy of the reference seventh cited along with its enclosures and to state that, as per the Ministry's guidelines, Assistant Inspector General of Forests (C), Integrated Regional Office, Chennai has carried out inspection of area identified for Compensatory Afforestation purpose and area

proposed for diversion on 03.05.2023 and noticed that, possibility of water logging in the proposed Compensatory Afforestation area during peak flow of river and also it is not possible to raise required numbers of seedlings i.e. 1200 in the identified area. Hence, it has been requested to identify alternative degraded forest area for Compensatory Afforestation purpose.

2. I am, therefore to request you to instruct the field officials to identify alternative degraded forest area for Compensatory Afforestation purpose and shall ensure while selecting Degraded Forest Land area that proposed 1200 seedlings can be planted in such Degraded Forest Land area and to submit and upload in the online application the details like Compensatory Afforestation area map, kml file, revised Compensatory Afforestation scheme including protection measures etc. to Government, so as to forward the same to Government of India for obtaining their concurrence.

Yours faithfully,

M. Magala
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for Deputy Secretary to Government.

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F.No.4-TNB092/2022-CHN/ 660

Date; 26th May, 2023

To

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

Subject: Diversion of 0.82 ha of forest land for initial rectification including widening, strengthening and improvements and performance based maintenance contract for a period of 60 months in State Highways and major district roads-Widening of Thiruverumbur-grand Anaicut road-in favour of the Assistant Divisional Engineer, Highways Construction & Maintenance, Thiruvaiyaru- Reg

Reference: The State Government letter No 9283/FR.10/2022-1 dated 17.08.2022 and 9283/FR.10/2022-3 dated 23.03.2023

Madam,

With reference to the subject and reference above, it is to inform that, as per the Ministry's guidelines, AIGF(Central) IRO, Chennai has carried out inspection of area identified for CA purpose and area proposed for diversion on 03.05.2023 (**Copy of the site inspection report is enclosed**). It is noted that, possibility of water logging in the proposed CA area during peak flow of river and also not possible to raise required numbers of seedlings i.e. 1200 in the identified area.

In view of the non suitability of 1.64 ha of degraded forest area identified at Nagavalli RF for CA purpose, I am directed to request the State Government that, the field officials may be informed to identify

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alternative degraded forest area for CA purpose. While selecting DFL area, shall ensure that proposed 1200 seedlings can be planted in such DFL area. Details like CA area map. Kml file, revised CA scheme including protection measures etc shall be submitted and uploaded in the online application.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: As above

Sd/-

(K.Karthikeyan)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Forest Department, Guindy-Velachery main road, Chennai - 600 032.
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, Guindy-Velachery main road, Chennai - 600 032.
3. Office of the Assistant Divisional Engineer , Highways Department Construction and Maintenance , Bungalow Street , Thiruvaiyaru-Tamil Nadu 613204 Email:ramprabhu7997@gmail.com
4. Guard file

Sd/-

(K.Karthikeyan)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Site Inspection Report

Name of the proposal: Diversion of 0.82 ha of forest land for initial rectification including widening, strengthening and improvements and performance based maintenance contract for a period of 60 months in State Highways and major district roads-Widening of Thiruverumbur-grand Anaicut road in favour of the Assistant Divisional Engineer, Highways Construction & Maintenance, Thiruvaiyaru.

I have inspected the project site and CA area on 03.05.2023, along with Sri.Akil Thampi IFS, DFO, Thanjavur Forest Division, Sri. K.Ranjit RFO, Thanjavur Range and their field staff and Sri. S.Balasubramanian, Divisional Engineer, Highways Dept., Thanjavur representative from the User Agency.

This proposal involves a forest area having an extent of 0.82 ha in Nagavalli RF of Thanjavur Division. The existing road from Grand Anaicut (Kallanai) to Thiruverumbur passes through the Nagavalli RF for a length of 820 mtr proposed to be widened for catering the need of increase in vehicle plying from Trichy City to Anaicut. The road was widened, except the RF portion of 820 mtr to a width of 10 mtr thus by the area calculated as 0.82 ha. The road is an elevated one running along the banks of Kavery River. The CA area was identified along the side of the road falling in the edge of river bank.

As reported, 120 numbers of trees (majority of Palmyra trees, 95 in number) needs to be felled for this project.

Compensatory Afforestation:

Since 120 numbers of trees are marked for felling, to carryout plantation of 1200 seedling *i.e.* ten times the trees to be felled in the diverted forest area was identified for 1.64 ha of degraded forest area at the same Nagavalli RF at a cost of Rs. 37.72 Lakh;

Proposed CA area is lying adjoining to the road but located in the edge of the river bank. It was informed by the field officials and the UA that due to the last year flood the area was inundated with water for some period. Moreover the proposed CA area is having thick growth of vegetation mostly of Prosopis species.

Based on the Site inspection and interaction with the field officials and User Agency and considering the possibility of water logging in the proposed CA area during peak flow of river, undertaking planting activities in the current proposed

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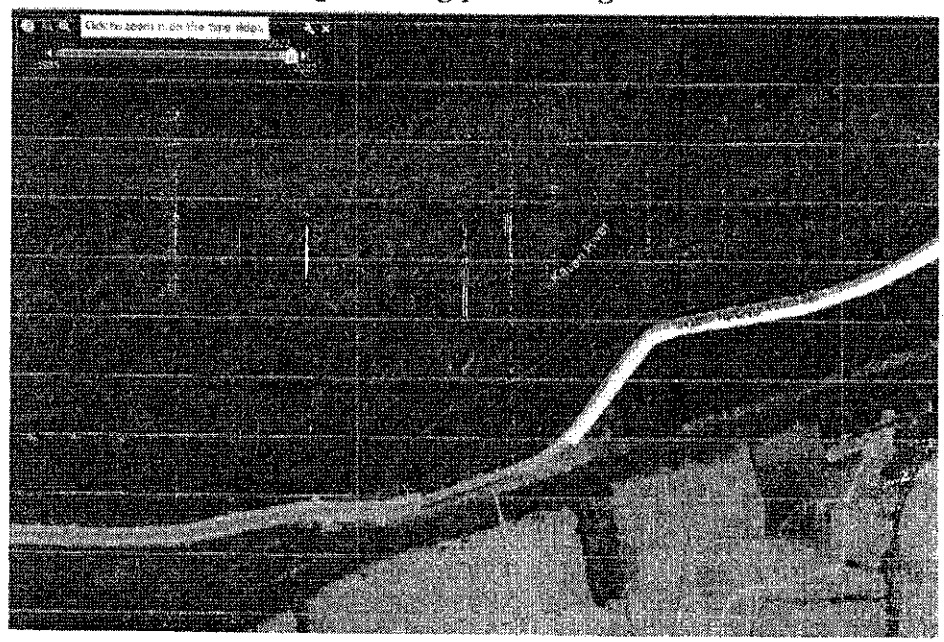
CA area is not advisable. Hence the State Forest Dept may be requested to identify land in appropriate suitable degraded areas, where proposed 1200 seedlings can be planted and the seedling shall also be protected from the threat of cattle grazing / browsing.

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K. Karthikeyan IFS,
AIGF (Central), IRO, Chennai.

Google earth images of Proposed Road and CA land



During flooding period August 2022



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Photos of proposed road & trees marked for felling

