Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Fores (Head of Forest Force), Forest Headquarters Building, Guindy Velachery Main Road, Guindy, Chennai - 600 032. Dated: 10.08.2023.

Sub: Forests - Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Trichy Circle / Thanjavur Forest Division - Proposal for diversion of 0.82ha 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 - Online proposal submitted by the User Agency - Assistant Divisional Engineer, Highways Construction and Maintenance, Thiruvaiyaru -Regarding.

- Ref: 1. Online application uploaded by the User Agency - Assistant Divisional Engineer, Highways Construction and Maintenance, Thiruvaiyaru (FP/TN/ROAD /149622/2021).
 - 2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Ref.No:42877/2021/TS4 dated 28.02.2023
 - 3. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change F.No. 4-TNB 092 /2022-CHN/660 dt. 26.05.2023.
 - 4. Government Letter No. 9283/FR-10/2022-4, dt.06.07.2023.
 - 5. District Forest Officer, Thanjavur Ref.No.2271/2023/D, dt.25.07.2023
 - 6. Chief Conservator of Forests, Trichy Ref.No.9497/2023/D, dt.28.07.2023.

Attention of the District Forest Officer, Thanjavur is invited to the reference 4th cited, where in the Government has requested to identify the alternative degraded forest area for Compensatory Afforestation purpose and ensure that proposed 1200 seedlings can be planted in such Degraded Forest area and upload the Compensatory Afforestation area map, KML file, revised Compensatory Afforestation scheme including protection measures, etc., in the Parivesh Web portal for further action.

In the reference 5th cited, the District Forest Officer, Thanjavur has identified the alternative degraded forest area for Compensatory Afforestation purpose and uploaded the estimates for 47.73 lakhs including 10-year maintenance. The proposal has been scrutinized and following defects were found.

- 1. The District Forest Officer has included the cost of extraction of trees in the Compensatory Afforestation scheme, which is not correct. This should be raised separately to the User Agency at the time of raising demand.
- 2. Recommendation of the District Forest Officer uploaded in the web portal is not related to this proposal.
- 3. The estimates uploaded by the District Forest Officer for Compensatory Afforestation has been scrutinized and some calculation mistakes were found.

Hence, the District Forest Officer, Thanjavur is requested to rectify the above defects and revise the estimates at most care and upload the revised estimates for further action.

Sd/-V.Karunapriya, For Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force)

To

The District Forest Officer, Thanjavur division Copy to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Trichy

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Senior Draughting Officer