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To,

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

Subject: Diversion of 0.018 ha of forest land in Suranganar RF for the construction of Kumuly border Police check post at Kumuly in Theni District in favour of Additional Superintendent of Police, (Headquarters), Theni District, Theni-Reg.

Reference: The State Government letter No 5328/FR.10/2022-1 dated 05.05.2022 and online proposal No.FP/TN/Others/21594/2016

Madam,

Please refer to the subject and reference cited above and I am directed to request to submit the following additional information and documents to this office at the earliest for further consideration of the proposal;

- a. As per the DSS analysis the proposed area is Violating Protected Area Rule proposed falls in Periyar WLS Eco-Sensitive Zone. Hence clarification on above matter required to be submitted;
- b. In addition to that, it was reported that the project location is only 20 meters from Megamalai Wildlife division but not falling under its ESZ needs clarification.
- c. Moreover it is reported that the area is devoid of vegetation with no tree growth except a clump of Bamboo. While verifying through the kml file the area is covered with full of vegetation, in such case whether bamboo is a spontaneous growth or not and its removal from that location is required for construction of check post needs to be confirmed.
- d. In the DFO, Theni inspection report, it is mentioned that "the police on duty at the interstate border is using a temporary structure on the side of National Highway". Hence may clarify whether such temporary structures are in RF area or otherwise.

Yours faithfully,

-/Sd (K.Karthikeyan) Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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- 1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Forest Department, No.1, Jeenis Road, Panagal Building, Saidapet, Chennai 600 015.
- 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, No.1, Jeenis Road, Panagal Building, Saidapet, Chennai – 600 015
- 3. Additional Superintendent of Police, District Police Office, Theni District, Theni, Tamil Nadu-625531 <u>dpobldgstheni@gmail.com</u>
- 4. Guard file.

Sd/-

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