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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 5.00 ha of forest land in Kesarkuli RF for formation of road from Thimmalankadu to Kotturmalai to a length of 6.00 km and to a width of 7.50 mtr in Dharmapuri Forest Division of Dharmapuri District in favour of the Block Development Officer (BP), Pennagaram, Dharmapuri District-Reg.

Reference: The State Government letter No 11028/FR.10/2022-1, dated 22.07.2022 and online application No. FP/TN/ROAD/37176/2018

Madam,

With reference to the subject and reference, I am directed to request you, to submit the following additional information / documents / clarification to this office at the earliest for further consideration of the proposal;

- In online application the UA mentioned 4.15 ha as a road component and remaining 0.85 ha breakup not been mentioned. However, the CF, Dharmapuri circle in his site inspection report, reported that for the road 4.5 ha and 0.49 ha (i.e. 48 nos X 30 mtr X 3.47 mtrs) required for Culverts. As reported, there is no RoW in the RF notification. Hence updating and clarification on above matter is required;
- This road is to connect Kotturmalai Village having population of around 500. As per IRC:SP: 20-2002, Para 2.6.3. Roadway width inclusive of parapet, side drains for rural roads for mountainous and steep terrain it will be 6.00 Mt (including the Carriage Way/ Tarring portion width of 3.75m). For rural roads, where the traffic intensity is less than 100 motor vehicles per day, and where the traffic is not likely to increase due to situation like dead end, low habitation and difficult terrain conditions the roadway width may be reduced to 6.00Mt in case of plain and rolling terrain. Dimension of road such as Carriage Way, Shoulder, drainage etc not shown and also rationale of applying 7.5 m width against the standard of 6m width needs clarification;

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- c. Alternative not examined, it is suggested that existing road network in the hillock and examining alternative routes with minimum forest area shall be done. It is observed in the kml file that, road alignment towards eastern side will reduce the forest land requirement to a greater extent. Technical feasibility of road alignment in this area may be explored.
- d. It is reported that in the alignment of the proposed road, no right of way was admitted in the Tamil Nadu Gazette notification of Kesarkuli RF, However, as per the kml file, mud road is existing in the proposed area. Hence clarification may be submitted for the above;
- e. As reported the project involves felling of 167 numbers of trees which are spontaneous growth in nature. Hence, approval / recommendation of the CEC / Hon'ble SC of India may be obtained and submit the same to this office;
- f. RoFR certificate (Form I) has been furnished. However, as per the KML file, one end of the road is passing through residential area, hence clarification on such existing residential structures (i.e. legal RoFR holders or encroachers etc) may be submitted;
- g. Kml file of the 5 ha of degraded forest area in Parigam-'A' RF of Dharmapuri Range may be submitted;

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(K.Karthikeyan)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Forest Department, No.1, Jeenis Road, Panagal Building, Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015.
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3. Block Development Officer (BP), Pennagaram, Dharmapuri District, Tamil Nadu-636801 eedpidrda@gmail.com
4. Guard file.

Sd/-

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