

TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

From Thiru. K. Rajkumar, IFS.,
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Dharmapuri Forest Division,
Dharmapuri – 636 705.

To The Block Development Officer (BP),
Pennagaram Union,
Pennagaram Taluk,
Dharmapuri District - 636 801.

C. No. 7967 / 2018 / D, dated 06-09-2020

Sir,

Sub : Forests - Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Dharmapuri Circle / Division - Proposal for diversion of 5.00 ha of forest land for formation of road from Thimmalanmedu to Kotturmalai in Dharmapuri Forest Division – Proposal submitted by the User Agency i.e. Block Development Officer, Pennagaram block, Pennagaram, Dharmapuri District - Regarding.

Ref : 1) Online Application uploaded by the User Agency - Block Development Officer BP, Pennagaram block, Pennagaram, Dharmapuri District, 636 801 Proposal No. FP / TN / Approach / 37176 / 2018, dated 04-10-2018.

2) The Block Development Officer, Pennagaram Block, Pennagaram Roc. No. 1123 / 2016 / A2 dated 30-10-2019.

In the Ref (2) cited above, the Block Development Officer (BP), Pennagaram block, Pennagaram, Dharmapuri District, has submitted proposal under Sec (2) of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980, for diversion of 5.00 ha of Forest land for formation of road from Thimmalanmedu to Kotturmalai in Dharmapuri Forest Division area.

In this regard, the proposed diverted land and Compensatory Afforestation land was inspected by me on 12-08-2020. As per para 3.2(i) of the Guidelines issued under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, Compensatory Afforestation must be done over equivalent area of non-forest land subject to the following:

- a) As far as possible, the proposed Compensatory Afforestation land has to be contiguous to existing Reserve Forests, Reserve Lands or Recorded

Forest areas, to enable the Forest Department to effectively manage the newly planted area.

- b) The proposed Compensatory Afforestation land shall be suitable for raising successful plantation.
- c) The land parcels identified for Compensatory Afforestation shall be mutated in land records in the name of Forest Department, thereafter, to be notified as Reserve Forests
- d) The identified land parcels shall be compact i.e. without any pockets of habitation or non-forest land
- e) The land identified for Compensatory Afforestation shall be free from any encumbrances.

But in the above proposal, the area identified in Nekunthi Village for Compensatory Afforestation is not fulfilling above conditions. The area is not suitable for raising successful plantation and it is not contiguous to existing forest areas. However, suitable land is available in the same Survey no, i.e., adjacent to S. F. No. No. 320 of Nekkundhi village. This land parcel (S. F. No. 320) has already been notified as Reserve Land under Sec (4) of Tamil Nadu Forest Act, 1980 in Govt. Order (Ms). No 888, Environment and Forests Department, dated 21-08-1986.

In addition to the said proposal, this office received 3 more proposals from Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, for diversion of forest land for Road formation. ***The total requirement of CA Land for all pending proposals will be is 39.00 ha.***

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Name of RF	Extent of Proposed Diverted Land (in ha)	Extent of C.A Land Required (in ha)
1	Formation of road from Barigam Konayankadu to Malayurkadu	Parigam	2.50	5.00
2	Formation of road from Thimmalanmedu to Kotturmalai	Kesurkuli	5.00	10.00
3	Formation of road from Vachathi to Kalasapadi	Thombakkal	5.00	10.00
4	Formation of road from Seenkadu to Alakatti via Erimalai road	Kesurkuli	7.00	14.00
	Total Area (in ha)		19.50	39.00

Hence, I request that 39.00 ha of contiguous area suitable for Compensatory afforestation may be selected in S. F. No. 322 of Nekunthi Village, adjacent to S. F. No. 320, in compliance with the guidelines issued under Forest (Conservation) Act 1980. This will be helpful for raising successful plantation and effective management by the Department. The details of CA land may be modified accordingly and uploaded in the online portal.

Sd/- K. Rajkumar,
District Forest Officer,
Dharmapuri Forest Division,
Dharmapuri.

Copy submitted to Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoD), Chennai for information.

Copy submitted to Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Dharmapuri circle, Dharmapuri for information.

Copy to

1. Project Director, District Rural Development Agency, Dharmapuri for taking further action
2. Sub Collector, Harur for information and necessary action related to formation of road from Vachathi to Kalasapadi village
3. Tahsildar, Pennagaram Taluk

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(Edmy) 06/09/2020
Draughting Officer.