

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

ABSTRACT

FORESTS – Diversion of 0.8134 ha. of forest land in Vallanadu Reserve Forest in Thoothukudi Forest Division to strengthen and widen the National Highways Road 7A from Tirunelveli to Thoothukudi, in favour of NHAI, PIU, Thoothukudi (PC) - Proposal under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (FR.10) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms).No.1

Dated: 3.1.2008.

Read:

- 1) From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Chennai, Ref. No. TS4/31902/2004, Dated 12.1.2007.
- 2) Government Letter No.1360/FR.10/07-1, Dated 23.2.2007.
- 3) From the Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Bangalore Letter No.4-TNB.298/2007-BAN/525, Dated 2.8.2007.
- 4) From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai Ref. No.TS4/31902/2004, Dated 18.10.2007.
- 5) From the Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Letter No.4-TNB.298/2007-BAN/1318, Dated 27.11.2007.

ORDER:

In the reference first read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has sent a proposal under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Diversion of 0.8134 ha. of forest land in Vallanadu Reserve Forest in Thoothukudi Forest Division to strengthen and widen the National Highways Road 7A from Tirunelveli to Thoothukudi, in favour of NHAI, PIU, Thoothukudi (PC)

2. In the reference second read above, the proposal was forwarded to Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Regional Office, Southern Zone, Bangalore for obtaining Government of India's concurrence.

3. The Government of India in their letter third read above conveyed their stage-I in principle approval for diversion of 0.8134 ha. of forest land in Vallanadu Reserve Forest in Thoothukudi Forest Division to strengthen and widen the National Highways Road 7A from Tirunelveli to Thoothukudi, in favour of NHAI, PIU, Thoothukudi (PC) subject to certain conditions. The Government of India had, also, reported that final approval order for diversion of Forest area under section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act. 1980 would be issued on receipt of State Government's report on compliance of those conditions.

4. In the reference fourth read above, the Compliance Report was furnished by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests directly to the Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Bangalore with a request to accord Stage -II approval for diversion of 0.8134 ha. of forest land in Vallanadu Reserve Forest in Thoothukudi Forest Division to strengthen and widen the National Highways Road 7A from Tirunelveli to Thoothukudi, in favour of NHAI, PIU, Thoothukudi (PC)

5. In the reference fifth read above, the Government of India have, now, conveyed their State-II approval for diversion of the above said forest land subject to the following conditions :-

- 1) The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
- 2) Avenue plantation shall be raised at the cost of user agency.
- 3) The funds received from the User Agency towards NPV (Net Present Value) under this project shall be transferred to Adhoc CAMPA (Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority) in account number CA -1579 of Corporation Bank, Block-II, CGO Complex, Phase-I, Lodhi Road, New Delhi - 110 003.
- 4) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.8134 ha. In case the land is not used for the stipulated purpose, then the area will be resumed by the Forest Department.

6) The Government accordingly, direct for diversion of 0.8134 ha. of forest land in Vallanadu Reserve Forest in Thoothukudi Forest Division to strengthen and widen the National Highways Road 7A from Tirunelveli to Thoothukudi, in favour of NHAI, PIU, Thoothukudi (PC), subject to the conditions stipulated by the Government of India in para 5 above.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests is requested to incorporate any other suitable conditions which are necessary for the above said diversion of forest land. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests is also requested to pursue further action with reference to the conditions stipulated in para 5 above and send a report to Government.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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District Forest Officer, Thoothukudi.
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The Project Director,
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