

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

ABSTRACT

FORESTS – Diversion of 4.1652 ha. of forest land (3.224 ha in Salem Forest Division and 0.9412 ha. in Dharmapuri Forest Division) of Forest land in Manakondamalai and Gundakkal Reserve Forests of Salem Forest Division and Thoppur and Parigam Reserve Forests of Dharmapuri Forest Division for four lanning of road between Salem-Dharmapur Sector in favour of National Highways Authority of India - Proposal under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (FR.10) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms).No.22

Dated:10.3.2008.

Read:

- 1) From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Chennai, Ref. No. TS3/26069/2003, Dated 13.11.2006.
- 2) Government Letter No.17120/FR.10/04-6, Dated 29.11.2006.
- 3) From the Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Bangalore Letter No.4-TNB.270/2007-BAN/2059, Dated 22.1.2007.
- 4) From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai Ref. No.TS3/26069/2006, Dated 2.5.2007.
- 5) From the Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Letter No.4-TNB.270/2006-BAN/1849, Dated 4.2.2008.

ORDER:

In the reference first read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests sent a proposal under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 4.1652 ha. of forest land (3.224 ha in Salem Forest Division and 0.9412 ha. in Dharmapuri Forest Division) of Forest land in Manakondamalai and Gundakkal Reserve Forests of Salem Forest Division and Thoppur and Parigam Reserve Forests of Dharmapuri Forest Division for four lanning of road between Salem-Dharmapur Sector in favour of National Highways Authority of India.

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 4.1652 ha. (3.224 ha in Salem Forest Division and 0.9412 ha. in Dharmapuri Forest Division) of Forest land in Manakondamalai and Gundakkal Reserve Forests of Salem Forest Division and Thoppur and Parigam Reserve Forests of Dharmapuri Forest Division for four

laning of road between Salem-Dharmapur Sector in favour of National Highways Authority of India, subject to certain conditions. The Government of India had, also, reported that final approval for diversion of Forest area under section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act. 1980 would be accorded 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 4.1652 ha. (3.224 ha in Salem Forest Division and 0.9412 ha. in Dharmapuri Forest Division) of Forest land in Manakondamalai and Gundakkal Reserve Forests of Salem Forest Division and Thoppur and Parigam Reserve Forests of Dharmapuri Forest Division for four laning of road between Salem-Dharmapur Sector in favour of National Highways Authority of India.

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) CA shall be raised over 8.340 ha. of identified non-forest land at Sy. No.85/2 of Sekkarapatti village of Omalur taluk at the cost of user agency. The State Government shall obtain prior permission of Central Government for change of location and schedule of CA if any.
- 3) Non-forest land for CA shall be notified by the State Government as RF/PF under Indian Forest Act, 1927 or the State Forest Act within a period of 6 months and Nodal Officer (FC) shall report the compliance within 6 months.
- 4) Avenue plantation shall be raised at the cost of user agency.
- 5) The funds received from the User Agency towards NPV (Net Present Value) and Compensatory Afforestation under this project shall be transferred to Adhoc CAMPA in account number CA -1579 of Corporation Bank, Block-II, CGO Complex, Phase-I, Lodhi Road, New Delhi - 110 003.
- 6) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 4.1652 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 4.1652 ha. (3.224 ha in Salem Forest Division and 0.9412 ha. in Dharmapuri Forest Division) of Forest land in Manakondamalai and Gundakkal Reserve Forests of Salem Forest Division and Thoppur and Parigam Reserve Forests of Dharmapuri Forest Division for four laning of road between Salem-Dharmapur Sector in favour of National Highways Authority of India, 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.

8. 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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SECTION OFFICER.