

**GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU**

**ABSTRACT**

FORESTS – diversion of 0.813 ha. of forest land in Iruvelpattu Reserve forest for formation of four lanning and strengthening of existing NH 45 at KM 173/545 to 173/845 of Ulundurpet taluk, Villupuram District in favour of National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) - Proposal under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Orders – Issued.

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ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (FR.10) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms).No.34

Dated: 21.4.2008.

Read:

- 1) From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Chennai, Ref. No. TS3/2464/2007, Dated 27.9.2007.
- 2) Government Letter No.23885/FR.10/07-1, Dated 6.12.2007.
- 3) From the Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Bangalore Letter No.4-TNB.439/2007-BAN/1579, Dated 2.1.2008.
- 4) From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai Ref. No.TS3/2464/2007, Dated 18.2.2008.
- 5) From the Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Letter No.4-TNB.439/2007-BAN/2001, Dated 22.2.2008.

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**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 0.813 ha. of forest land in Iruvelpattu Reserve forest for formation of four lanning and strengthening of existing NH 45 at KM 173/545 to 173/845 of Ulundurpet taluk, Villupuram District in favour of National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).

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 0.813 ha. of forest land in Iruvelpattu Reserve forest for formation of four lanning and strengthening of existing NH 45 at KM 173/545 to 173/845 of Ulundurpet taluk, Villupuram District in favour of National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), subject to certain conditions. The Government of India had, also, reported that final approval order for diversion of the above 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 0.813 ha. of forest land in Iruvelpattu Reserve forest for formation of four lanning and strengthening of existing NH 45 at KM 173/545 to 173/845 of Ulundurpet taluk, Villupuram District in favour of National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).

5. In the reference fifth read above, the Government of India have, conveyed their Stage-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) The funds received from the User Agency towards NPV 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.
- 3) Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the user agency. The user agency shall furnish the undertaking to this effect.
- 4) Avenue plantation shall be raised at the cost of user agency.
- 5) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.813 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 0.813 ha. of forest land in Iruvelpattu Reserve forest for formation of four lanning and strengthening of existing NH 45 at KM 173/545 to 173/845 of Ulundurpet taluk, Villupuram District in favour of National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), 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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SECTION OFFICER.