

TAMIL NADU FOREST DEPARTMENT**From**

Thiru. Rakesh Kumar Dogra, I.F.S.,
Principal Chief Conservator of
Forests
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State Forest Headquarters,
Guindy -Velachery Main Road,
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To

The Principal Chief Conservator
of Forests, Wildlife
& Chief Wild Life Warden,
Panjabari, Guwahati - 37,
Assam
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C.No. HOTNFD/6801/2026/WL1, Dated: 04-09-2026

Sir,

Sub: Forests - Wildlife - Interstate Transfer of Captive Elephant "Durga", Microchip No. 0008179117, owned by Shri Punya Pegu, S/o Late Muhi Pegu, Vill. Laika (Pomua) Forest Village, P.O. Rangagora, P.S. Guijan, District Tinsukia, Assam, to Madurai Meenakshi Amman Temple, Madurai - Concurrence requested - Physical verification of the facility conducted by the District Forest Officer, Madurai - Recommended for interstate transfer - Sent - Reg

- Ref: 1 Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife & Chief Wildlife Warden, Assam Ref. No. WL/FG.27/TP/Captive Elephant/2025-26/Part, dated 20.08.2026
2 Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Chief Wild Life Warden, Tamil Nadu Ref. No. HOTNFD/6801/2026/WL1, dated 04.09.2026
3 District Forest Officer, Madurai Ref. No.5779/2026/C1, dated 04.09.2026

With reference to the subject and references cited above, the recommendation regarding the interstate transfer of the captive elephant "Durga" (Microchip No. 0008179117), owned by Shri Punya Pegu, S/o Late Muhi Pegu, Laika (Pomua) Forest Village, P.O. Rangagora, P.S. Guijan, District Tinsukia, Assam to Madurai Meenakshi Amman Temple, Madurai, in the prescribed Form-IV under the *Captive Elephant (Transfer or Transport) Rules, 2024*, is enclosed herewith for taking necessary further action.

Further, I wish to request that the said captive elephant shall be examined by a registered veterinary practitioner and certified that the

elephant is in good health in the prescribed Form-II, as per Rule 4(1) (a) of the *Captive Elephant (Transfer or Transport) Rules, 2024*, and ensure the compliance with all other conditions prescribed under the said Rules.

Yours faithfully,

Digitally signed by
Rakesh Kumar Dogra
Date: 04-09-2026
21:00:33

Encl: As stated above

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
& Chief Wild Life Warden

Copy to the Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Environment Climate Change and Forests Department, Fort St. George,
Secretariat, Chennai – 600 009.

Submitted for favour of kind information

Form IV
[See sub-rule (4) of rule 6]

Recommendations of the Chief Wild Life Warden of the recipient State		
1.	Name and address of the Applicant	Sri Punya Pegu, S/o. Late Muhi Pegu, Village - Laika Pomua Forest Village, P.O. - Rangagora, P.S. - Guijan OP, District - Tinsukia, Assam
2.	Name and address of the present owner of Elephant	Sri Punya Pegu, S/o. Late Muhi Pegu, Village - Laika Pomua Forest Village, P.O. - Rangagora, P.S. - Guijan OP, District - Tinsukia, Assam
3.	Name of the Elephant (if applicable)	Durga
4.	Microchip number of the Elephant	0008179117
5.	Age and sex of the Elephant	Age - 5 Years 6 Months 8 days as on 04.09.2026 (DOB: 27.02.2021); Sex - Female
6.	Name and address of the transferee	The Executive Officer, Madurai Meenakshi Amman Temple, Chithirai Street, Madurai Main, Madurai, Tamil Nadu Pin code - 625 001
7.	Address of the transferee housing facility of the Elephant along with name of Division and District	Madurai Meenakshi Amman Temple, Chithirai Street, Madurai Main, Madurai District; Madurai Forest Division GPS Location: N 9.919352 E 78.12063
8.	Date of Inspection (if carried out)	04.09.2026
9.	Recommendations	Considering the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife and Chief Wildlife Warden, Assam, and the remarks of the District Forest Officer, Madurai, the interstate transfer of the captive elephant "Durga" from Assam to Tamil Nadu is recommended, subject to the following

	conditions: 1. Thorough health checkup should be done by qualified veterinarian, and elephant should be certified to be fit to undertake long distance travel. 2. The caretakers of the elephant should travel with elephant and be with it till such time the elephant gets settled in new place and alternative arrangement is in place 3. The transfer shall be carried out in compliance with all the applicable provisions and conditions prescribed under the Captive Elephant (Transfer or Transport) Rules, 2024
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Date: 04-09-2026
Place: Chennai

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Rakesh Kumar Dogra
Date: 04-09-2026
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Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
& Chief Wild Life Warden, Tamil Nadu

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife and Chief Wild Life
Warden, Panjabari, Guwahati - 37, Assam

List of enclosures:
Recommendations of the District Forest officer, Madurai in Form III

Form III

[See sub-rule (1)(c) of rule 4, sub-rule (3) of rule 5, sub-rule (3) of rule 6 and sub-rule(2) of rule 8]

From III Report of the Deputy Conservator of Forests		
1.	Name and address of the Applicant	Sri Punya Pegu S/O Late Muhi Pegu, Laika Pomua Forest Village, Rongagora Post, P.S-Guijan OP, Tinsukia District, Assam.
2.	Name and address of the present owner of Elephant	Sri Punya Pegu S/O Late Muhi Pegu, Laika Pomua Forest Village, Rongagora Post, P.S-Guijan OP, Tinsukia District, Assam.
3.	Name of the Elephant (if applicable)	DURGA
4.	Microchip number of the Elephant	0008179117
5.	Age and sex of the Elephant	a. Age - 5 years 6 Months 9 days as on 04.09.2026 (D.O.B- 27.02.2021) b. Sex - Female
6.	Address and GPS location of the housing facility of the Elephant	Arulmigu Meenakshi Amman Temple, Madurai- 625001 N 9.919352 E 78.12063
7.	Address of the transferee housing facility of the Elephant along with name of Division and District	Arulmigu Meenakshi Amman Temple, Madurai- 625001 Division - Madurai. District - Madurai.
8.	Date of Inspection by the Deputy Conservator of Forests having territorial jurisdiction over the area	04.09.2026
9.	Whether all the health check up of the elephant carried out regularly	NA

10.	Whether the elephant is fit	NA
11.	Any other detail	NIL
12.	Recommendations	With following conditions it is RECOMMENDED • The existing housing facility is provided with a concrete roof, proper drainage, and adequate ventilation, and conforms to the standards prescribed under the Tamil Nadu Captive Elephants (Management and Maintenance) Rules, 2011. The facility is sufficiently spacious and adequately ventilated to accommodate both elephants comfortably. • The additional resting area is provided with a sand-filled floor. However, it is recommended to provide a cool-roof sheet shed over the resting area to protect it from bird droppings, direct sunlight, and rainfall. • One bathing area is currently available for the existing temple Elephant 'Parvathi' which is as per the standards prescribed under Tamil Nadu Captive Elephants (Management and Maintenance) Rules, 2011. Hence, it is recommended to expand /modify the existing facility which will be used by the new elephant "DURGA". • The elephant housing area is located away from the public pathway, thereby minimizing public disturbance to the elephants. The existing arrangement should be maintained. • The elephant shall be taken for walking as is being practiced for the existing temple Elephant "Parvathi".

		• A Veterinary Doctor is available near the temple premises for providing veterinary care to the elephants. • Elephants are social in nature. Thus, bringing one more elephant "DURGA" to Meenakshi Temple will facilitate companionship of the existing Temple Elephant "Parvathi".
	Date:04-09-2026 Place:Madurai To The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Chief Wildlife Warden, Forest Headquarters, Guindy-Velachery Main Road, Guindy, Chennai- 600 032.	Signature Name of the officer: REVTI RAMAN District Forest Officer, Madurai Division, Madurai