



**ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE
& FORESTS(FR.10) DEPARTMENT,
SECRETARIAT, CHENNAI 9.**

Letter No.22180/FR.10/2021-1, Dated :21.01.2022

From
Tmt.Supriya Sahu, IAS.,
Additional Chief Secretary to Government.

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Department),
Chennai-15.

Sir,

Sub: Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Dharmapuri Forest Circle / Wildlife Division, Hosur - Proposal for diversion of 0.777 ha of forest land in Veppanapalli Reserved Forest for laying 11 kv transmission line along right of way in Veppanapalli Reserved Forest for the benefit of patta holders (enclosure in RF) of Krishnagiri District in favour of Executive Engineer, O&M, TANGEDCO, Krishnagiri, Krishnagiri District - State Government's in-principle approval (Stage-I) – Accorded.

Ref: Your letter No. TS3/44731/2019, dated 08.12.2021..

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With reference to your letter cited, I am directed to convey the State Government's in-principle approval (Stage-I) under Section 2 of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.777 ha of forest land in Veppanapalli Reserved Forest for laying 11 kv transmission line along right of way in Veppanapalli Reserved Forest for the benefit of patta holders (enclosure in RF) of Krishnagiri District, in favour of the Executive Engineer, O&M, TANGEDCO, Krishnagiri for a period of fifteen years under general approval category, as per the provisions made in the new hand book of guidelines under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Critical development initiatives for public utility, subject to the following conditions:-

- a) The legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
- b) The demarcation of the proposed forest land shall be carried out by the User Agency by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at their cost.
- c) The User Agency has to pay the amount of Net Present Value, which will be fixed as per the guidelines of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
- d) The User Agency has to bear the additional amount of Net Present Value, which will be fixed as per the guidelines of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India as fixed by Forest Department in future.

e) Amount of Net Present Value of forest area under the project shall be transferred / deposited to Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority fund only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>)

f) The User Agency has to pay the cost towards annual lease rent as fixed by the Forest Department at the time of sanction along with any escalation for the forest land to be diverted for the above project in future for the entire project period.

g) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.777 ha comprising the forest area to a length of 1110 m and right of way width of 7m.

h) Information board on diversion of forest area shall be erected along the transmission path at regular intervals at the cost of User Agency.

i) For the protection of forest and wildlife, following measures should be done by the User Agency in the project area at their cost:

- i. to avoid electrocution to wildlife animals, the electric pole along the path shall be erected with 9 meter pole.
- ii. The electric line shall be erected with DP structure with fuse control arrangement at TANGEDCO end.
- iii. The electric poles shall be protected with pole earthing and electrical lines provided with guarding arrangements to avoid damage and electrocution to the wildlife.
- iv. The transmission line should be erected with tripping mechanism.
- v. The User Agency has to provide ELCB (Earth Leakage Current Breakage) arrangements all along the transmission line in the forest area and immediate outside the forest areas, so as to prevent electrocution death of wild animals.

(j) The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under any circumstances not be transferred to any other agencies/department or person without prior approval of State Government.

k) Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violations of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per rules in force.

l) Any other conditions that the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forests and Wildlife.

m) Period of lease can be fifteen (15) years. The User Agency has to apply renewal proposal before one year of expiry of lease with the State Forest Department.

2. I am also to inform you that only after receipt of the compliance report on the above mentioned conditions, the proposal will be considered for final approval and transfer of protected land to User Agency shall not be effected prior to the issue of final approval. This in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 5 years

from the date of issue of this letter. Further, in the event of non-compliance of the above conditions, this in-principle approval shall automatically be revoked as per Rules made under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Yours faithfully,

S. Mohamed Yusuf 21/1/2022
for Additional Chief Secretary to Government
21.1.22

Copy to:-

The Executive Engineer, O&M, TANGEDCO,
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The District Collector, Krishnagiri.

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA),

O/o. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Chennai-15.

The District Forest Officer/ Wildlife Warden
Hosur.

The Conservator of Forests,
Dharmapuri Circle, Dharmapuri.

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