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To

The Principal Secretary to the Government of Tamil Nadu,  
Environment & Forests Department,  
Secretariat, Fort St. George, Chennai - 600 009.

Subject: Diversion of 0.17688 ha of forest land for coal conveyor gallery and sea water pipeline crossing Korampallam canal at Thoothukudi District in favour of Vice President, SEPC Power Private Ltd, MEIL House, Chennai -reg

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No 4733/FR-10/2019-2 dated 30.04.2019 and online proposal No. FP/TN/Pipeline/34620/2018 seeking prior approval of the Government of India in accordance with Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above mentioned project. The project was accorded in-principle approval (Stage-I) by the Central Government vide letter dated 28.05.2019. The State Government vide letter No. 4733/FR-10/2019-6 dated 09.08.2019 have reported compliance to the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am directed to convey the Central Government's approval (*Stage-II*) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.17688 ha of forest land for coal conveyor gallery and sea water pipeline crossing Korampallam canal at Thoothukudi District in favour of Vice President, SEPC Power Private Ltd, MEIL House, Chennai for a period of 20 years, subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- (ii) The demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of User Agency before commencement of the project work;
- (iii) No tree felling shall be carried out in the diverted forest area;
- (iv) Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from User Agency;

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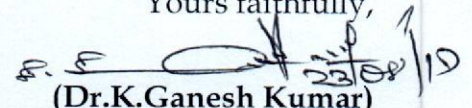
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- (v) The User Agency shall take measures to protect flora and fauna in and around the project area;
- (vi) The coal to be transported through the conveyor gallery & related debris shall in no way be thrown down the gallery and the forest area shall be kept free of debris;
- (vii) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
- (viii) The User Agency shall use existing paths and roads for laying of pipeline and no new paths / roads are to be formed;
- (ix) Disturbance shall be kept minimum by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it shall be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna;
- (x) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **0.17688** ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
- (xi) The Progress of the Compensatory Afforestation under the jurisdiction of the DFO, Thoothukudi Division shall be monitored by the Circle Head and a copy of such monitoring report shall be forwarded to the Regional Office to upload the same in the web portal;
- (xii) User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;
- (xiii) Any other conditions that the Central Government or Deputy Director General of Forest (Central) of Regional Office, Chennai may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the User Agency;
- (xiv) Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the Guidelines issued by the MoEF&CC.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Dr.K.Ganesh Kumar)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)



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1. The Director General of Forests & Special Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi - 110 003.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Forest Department, No.1, Jeenis Road, Panagal Building, Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015
3. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Forest Department, No.1, Jeenis Road, Panagal Building, Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015
4. The Director, RO(HQ) Division, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi - 110 003.
5. The Vice President, SEPC Power Private Limited, 3B Nawazish, No 30 Khader Nawaz Khan Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai-600006
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