



**::TAMIL NADU TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LTD::
(A SUBSIDY ENTITY OF TNEB LTD)**

From
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To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
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Forest Head Quarters Buildings,
Velachery Main Road, Guindy
Chennai – 600 032.

(Through District Forest Officer/Coimbatore)

Lr.No.SE/GCC/CBE/AEE/Moni/F.Parali 400/230 KV SS /D.28/23,dt.07.02.2023

Sir,

Sub: TNEB - TANTRANSCO –Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 - Online Forest Clearance proposal for diversion of 4.85 ha of forest land in Pillur Slope RF in Coimbatore Forest Division for Improvement of existing 230 KV SS into 400 KV SS at Parali in Coimbatore District –Certificate under FRA issued by District Collector, Coimbatore – Enclosed – Reg.

- Ref:1. (Per) FB.TANTRANSCO Proceedings No:21 dated 05.03.2019.
2. PCCF / Chennai's Letter No.:C. No.TS3/43555/2021, Dt.03.01.2023
3.Lr.No.SE/GCC/CBE/AEE/Moni/F.Parali 400/230 KV SS /D.04 /22, dt. 06.01.2023
4. Lr.No.SE/GCC/CBE/AEE/Moni/F.Parali 400/230 KV SS /D.10 /23, dt.13.01.2023

Online forest clearance proposal was uploaded in " PARIVESH" Portal vide Proposal No.FP/TN/Substation/149440/2021 on 19.11.2021for diversion of 4.85 Ha of forest landto improve existing 230KV substation into 400KV Substation at Parali in the existing TNEB premises bearing SF No.461 of Nellithurai Village, MettupalayamTaluk, Coimbatore District which envisaged as system strengthening measure to evacuate power from the Kundha Pumped Storage Hydro Electric Project Kundah VII (500 MW) at Kattukuppai and approved in the Board Proceeding cited (1).

The PCCF / Chennai had requested to upload the Certificate to be received from the District Collector for completion of rights under Forest Rights Act ` 2006 on the forest land proposed for diversion vide reference (2) cited based on the clarification raised from the Special Secretary (Forests) / Government of Tamil Nadu.

In this connection a letter under reference (3) cited was addressed to the District Collector /Coimbatore for getting the said certificate after passing resolution in Grama Shaba.

In the Ref.(4) cited above, the PCCF/Chennai had been addressed with an undertaking for uploading the certificate to be issued by the District Collector, under FRA prior to issuance of Stage II approval, regarding the subject proposal for diversion of 4.85 ha of forest land in Pillur Slope RF in Coimbatore Forest Division for improvement of existing 230 KV SS into 400 KV SS at Parali in Coimbatore District.

Meanwhile the the District Collector/ Coimbatore had issued the certificate on 03.02.2023. The above certificate in original is herewith enclosed for processing the said Forest clearance proposal.

The ongoing Kundah Pumped Storage Hydro Electric project is nearing completion by investing about 1800 crores for which the Forest permission was already obtained. The delay in completion of power evacuation system will lead to idle investment of huge expenditure apart from generation loss. On completion of the project in time with power evacuation system in time, the general public of Tamilnadu will be benefitted to a large extent through 500 MW power so as to solve the power crisis problem.

In light of the above, it is requested that necessary Forest clearance under conservation Act (1980) may be accorded at the earliest to commence the construction work at the proposed Parali 400 kV SS approval may please be arranged to be issued early please.

Encl: Certificate in original
Issued by District Collector/Coimbatore

Yours faithfully,


**SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
GENERAL CONSTRUCTION CIRCLE
COIMBATORE**

Copy submitted to the Chief Engineer/ Transmission Projects- II / Trichy. (e-mail)
Copy submitted to the Chief Engineer/ Civil/Transmission/TANTRANSCO / Chennai.(e-mail)
Copy to the Executive Engineer/ TLC /Mettupalayam. (e-mail)

FORM-II

(For the projects other than linear projects)

Government of Tamil Nadu

Office of the District Collector

Ref.No.e557311/2023.C2

Dated: 03.02.2023.

TO WHOME SO EVER IT MAY CONCERN

In compliance of the Ministry of Environment and Forest (MoEF), Government of India's letter No. 119/98-FC(Act) Dated 3rd August 2009 wherein the MoEF issued guidelines on submission of evidences for having initiated and completed the process of settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006 ('FRA' for short) on the forest land proposed to be diverted for non-forest purposes, it is certified that, **4.85** hectares of forest land proposed to be diverted in favour of the **Superintending Engineer, General Construction Circle, Tamil Nadu Transmission Corporation Limited (TANTRANSCO), Coimbatore for Improvement of 400 KV Substation into existing 200 KV Substation at Parali, Pillur Slope RF, in Coimbatore** District falls within jurisdiction of **Nellithurai** Village in **Mettupalayam** Tahsils.

It is further certified that:

- (a) The complete process for identification and settlement of rights under the FRA has been carried out for the entire **4.85** hectares of forest land proposed for diversion.
- (b) The proposal for such diversion (with full details of the project and its implications, in vernacular/local language) have been placed before each concerned Grama Sabha of forest dwellers, who are eligible under the FRA,
- (c) Each of the concerned Grama Sabha(s), has certified that all formalities/Processes under the FRA have been carried out, and that they have been given their consent to the proposed diversion and the compensation and ameliorative measures, if any, having understood the purpose and details of proposed diversion. A copy of certificates issued by the gram Sabha of Nellithurai village(s) is enclosed as Annexure I to Annexure II

- (d) The discussion and decisions on such proposals had taken place only when there was a quorum of minimum 50% of the members of Gram Sabha present.
- (e) The diversion of forest land for facilities managed by the Government as required under section 3 (2) of the FRA have been completed and the Gramasabhas have been given the consent on it.
- (f) The rights of Primitive tribal Groups and Pre Agricultural Communities when applicable have been specifically safeguarded as per Section 3(1) (e) of the FRA.

Encl:Annexure I and II


Signature
DISTRICT COLLECTOR
COIMBATORE.