

**TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT**

**From**

Thiru. T.K.Ashokkumar, I.F.S.,  
District Forest Officer,  
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**To**

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,  
(Head of Forest Force),  
Chennai – 15.

**Through**

The Conservator of Forests and Field  
Director,  
Anaimalai Tiger Reserve,  
Coimbatore – 43.

**Ref.No.3953/2022/D1 dated. 11.08.2022**

Sir,

Sub: Forests (Conservation) Act,1980 – Coimbatore Forest  
Division – Online forest clearance proposal for diversion of  
4.85 ha. Of forest land in Pillur slope RF of Coimbatore  
Forest Division for improvement of 230KV Substation into  
400 KV Substation at Parali in Coimbatore District –  
Report submission – Regarding.

- Ref:
1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Head  
of Forest Force) Chennai Ref. No.TS3/43555/2021  
Dated.14.07.2022
  2. The Superintending Engineer, General  
Construction Circle, Coimbatore – Lr. No.  
SE/GCC/CBE/AEE/MONT/F.Parali 400/230 KV SS  
/ D.No.225/22, dated 05.08.2022

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With reference to the short comings pointed out in the Principal Chief  
Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Chennai reference 1<sup>st</sup> cited above, I submit my remarks  
as follows.

1. Regarding the Compensatory Afforestation, as instructed by the Principal  
Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Chennai, the Compensatory  
Afforestation area has been identified in the degraded forest area of Erakkorai  
Saragam in Odanthurai Beat, Sirumugai Range which is suitable for raising  
Compensatory Afforestation plantation. The extent of proposed  
Compensatory Afforestation plantation area is 10.00 Ha. Accordingly revised  
maps of proposed degraded forest area for Compensatory Afforestation and

revised estimates for Compensatory Afforestation scheme are submitted herewith for kind perusal. Necessary details have been uploaded to this effect in the Part – II of online proposal.

2. I also submit that, the proposed Forest Diversion area of Pillur Slope Reserved Forest does not fall in National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor or Wildlife Migration corridor. The proposed diversion area comes under Nilgiris Biosphere Reserve. The said area is already under lease with Tamil Nadu Electricity Board occupied with old staff residential quarters and old vehicle sheds. Hence, there would not be any impact on wildlife.
3. The proposed forest land diversion falls in Pillur slope Reserved Forests but not in Nellithurai Reserved Forests as mentioned by the User Agency. Now the Superintending Engineer, General Construction Circle, Coimbatore has stated in the reference 2<sup>nd</sup> cited that, the name of Reserved Forest mentioned as “Nellithurai RF” may be corrected in application and recorded as the proposed forest area diversion for the improvement of 230 KV Substation into 400 KV Substation may be changed as “Pillur slope RF”.

This is for favour of kind information.

Encl : As stated above

Yours Faithfully,  
Sd/- T.K.Ashokkumar  
District Forest Officer  
Coimbatore Division.

Copy submitted to the Conservator of Forests & Field Director, Anaimalai Tiger Reserve, Coimbatore.

//True copy/ By order//

  
For Superintendent

**TANTRANSCO**

From

**Er.S.Sivaprakash,M.E.,M.B.A.,**

Superintending Engineer ,  
General Construction Circle,  
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Tatabad, Coimbatore – 12.

To

✓ The District Forest Officer,  
Coimbatore Division,  
Coimbatore.

Lr.No.SE/GCC/CBE/AEE/MONI/F.Parali 400/230 KV SS /D.No. 225/22,dt. 05.08.2022.  
Sir,

Sub: TANTRANSCO - GCC / CBE – Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Online  
Forest clearance proposal for diversion of 4.85 ha of forest land in  
Nellithurai RF of Coimbatore Forest Division for improvement of 230 KV  
Substation into 400 KV Substation at Parali in Coimbatore District –  
Regarding.

Ref:1.Online forest clearance proposal uploaded by the Superintending  
Engineer, GCC, Transmission Line Construction (TANTRANSCO),  
Coimbatore – 12 – Proposal No. FP/TN/Substation/149440/2021.

2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Chennai's E-mail C.No.TS3/  
43555/2021, Dated:14.07.2022.

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Forest clearance proposal for the subject work was uploaded in online Parvesh portal  
on 19.11.2021. In this above proposal it is mentioned that the proposed 400 KV Substation  
located in Nellithurai Reserve Forest.

However, in the reference (2) cited, it is noticed that the proposed site is located in  
Pillur slope RF.

During discussion with Forest Officials, it is ascertained that the leased out area under  
the possession of TNEB is lies in the tri-junction of Pillur slope RF, Nellithurai RF and Gopinari  
RF. Further it was confirmed that the proposed 400 KV site lies in the Pillur slope RF.

As the co-ordinates of the location for proposed site remains same, the name of  
Reserve Forest mentioned as " Nellithurai RF " may be corrected in application and recorded  
as the proposed forest area diversion for the improvement of 230 KV Substation into 400 KV  
Substation may be changed as " **Pillur slope RF** " instead of Nellithurai RF please.

Yours faithfully,

  
**SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER ,  
GCC/ COIMBATORE.**

Copy submitted to the Chief Engineer/TP II/Trichy.

Copy submitted to the Chief Engineer/Civil/ Transmission/Chennai.

Copy to the Executive Engineer/TLC/Mettupalayam.