

ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE & FOREST(FR.10) DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT, CHENNAI-9.

Letter No: 22809/FR.10/2021-1, dated. 09.02.2022

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 Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 Trichy Circle / Ariyalur division – Diversion of 0.0768 ha of forest land for erection of 11 KV feeder (HT) EB posts from Ayyur to Pukkuzhi Village via Silambur across Kanguli Reserved Forests and Tirukkonam Reserved Forest in favour of TANGEDCO - State Government's in-principle approval (**Stage-I**) – Accorded.
- Ref: Your letter No. No.TS4/13226/2021, dated 13.12.2021.

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 0.0768 ha of forest land for erection of 11KV feeder (HT) EB posts from Ayyur to Pukkuzhi village via Silampur across Kanguzhi Reserved Forest (0.0448 ha) and Thirukkonam Reserved Forest (0.0320 ha) of Ariyalur Division in favour of TANGEDCO, South Andimadam, Ariyalur District for a period of 20 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:-

- (i) The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged and shall remain as Reserved Forests.
- (ii) The demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet height cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 mts at the cost of User Agency.
- (iii) The User Agency shall pay the Net present value of the diverted forest area at the rates stipulated by the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forests from time to time, as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court Order dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos. 826 in 566 with related IAs in Writ Petition(Civil) No.202/1995.
- (iv) The fund from the User Agency towards NPV and Compensatory Afforestation under this project shall be deposited by generating challan from the Ministry's online web portal. UTR No and date should be furnished.
- (v) The Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the (P.T.O)

Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future shall by charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to the effect.

- (vi) The User Agency shall be responsible for any loss to Flora and Fauna in the surroundings and shall take all possible measures to conserve the same.
- (vii) The forest land shall not be used for any other purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
- (viii) The lease rent should be realized from the User Agency as per G.O.Ms.No.272, E&F(FR.XIII) Dept dated 15.04.1991.
- (ix) The period of lease is 20 years.
- (x) The User Agency should send renewal proposal one year before expiry of lease.
- (xi) The Chief Conservator of Forests and District Forest Officer may impose any other condition in the interest of conservation/protection land development of forests.

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

for Additonal Chief Secretary to Government

Copy to:-

The Assistant Engineer, O&M, TANGEDCO, South Andimadam, Ariyalur District - 621 1801. The Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), Government of India. Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office. 1st Floor, Additional Office Block for GPOA, Shastri Bhawan, Haddows Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai-600 006. The District Collector, Ariyalur, The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai-15. The District Forest Officer. Ariyalur Forest Division, Ariyalur. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Trichy Circle, Trichy. SF/SC.