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

**Letter No. 923 /FR.10/2023 -1, Dated 05.04.2023**

From

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

To

✓ The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),  
Chennai-32.

Sir,

Sub: Forests – Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Trichy Circle /  
Pudukottai Division – Proposal for diversion of 0.189 ha forest  
land across Thirukkalambar Reserved Forest for laying UG  
water pipeline (914 mm MS) under Combined Water Supply  
Scheme in Sivaganga District in favour of Tamil Nadu Water  
Supply and Drainage Board, Karaikudi – State Government  
in-principle approval (stage-I) accorded – Regarding.

Ref: Your letter No. TS4/3664/2022, dated.10.02.2023.

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With reference to your letter cited, I am directed to convey the Government's in-principle approval (Stage-I) under Section-2 of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.189 ha of forest land across Thirukkalambar Reserved Forest of Pudukkottai Forest Division for laying UG water pipeline (914mm MS) under Combined Water Supply Scheme in Sivaganga District in favour of Executive Engineer, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, Project Sub Division, Karaikudi 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, 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 pipeline shall be laid down 1.5m below the ground after laying down of pipeline the ground have to be leveled.
- iv. The User Agency shall pay the Net Present Value of the diverted forest area at the rates stipulated by the Ministry of Environment and Forests in File No.5-3/2011-FC (Vol.I) dated 06.01.2022 an 19.01.2022 and 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.
- v. The fund from the User Agency towards Net Present Value under the project shall be deposited by generating chalan from the Ministry's online web portal. UTR No. and date should be furnished.
- vi. The Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest 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 the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to the effect.



- vii. 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.
- viii. The forest land shall not be used for any other purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
- ix. The lease rent should be realized from the User Agency as per G.O.Ms.No.272, Environment and Forests (FR.XIII) Department, dated 15.04.1991.
- x. The period of lease is 20 years.
- xi. The User Agency should send renewal proposal one year before expiry of lease.
- xii. The Chief Conservator of Forests and District Forest Officer may impose any other condition in the interest of conservation / protection land development of forests.
- xiii. The Compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal.

2. I am also to inform you that only after receipt of the compliance report on all 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. Further, this in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 5 years and in the event of non-compliance of the above conditions, this in-principle approval shall automatically stand revoked after 5 years.

Yours faithfully,

  
for Additional Chief Secretary to Government.

Copy to:

The Assistant Executive Engineer,  
Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board,  
Project Sub Division, Devakottai, Karaikudi – 630 302.  
The Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central),  
Government of India,  
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change,  
Integrated Regional Office,  
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Shastri Bhawan, Haddows Road,  
Nungambakkam, Chennai-600 006.  
The District Collector,  
Pudukottai District – 622 005  
The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation Act),  
O/o.the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,  
Chennai – 32.  
The District Forest Officer (FAC),  
Pudukkottai – 622 044.  
The Chief Conservator of Forests,  
Tiruchirappalli Circle,  
Tiruchirappalli – 620 023.  
SC/SF.