



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

Letter No: 5778/FR.10/2022-1, dated 11.05.2022

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

To
✓ The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force),
Chennai-15.

Sir,

Sub: Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Diversion of 0.24 ha of forest land in Nanmangalam Reserved Forest of Chennai Forest Division in Chengalpattu District area for laying of water supply pipeline for conveyance of 150 MLD of product water from the desalination plant at Nemmeli, East Coast Road South of Chennai and up to Pallavaram and all allied works including O&M in favour of the Executive Engineer, Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board, RA Puram, Chennai - State Government's in-principle (Stage-I) approval – Accorded.

Ref: Your letter No.TS3/35079/2021, dated 29.03.2022.

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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 0.24 ha of forest land in Nanmangalam Reserved Forest of Chennai Forest Division in Chengalpattu District for laying of water supply pipeline for conveyance of 150 MLD of product water from the desalination plant at Nemmeli, East Coast Road South of Chennai and up to Pallavaram and all allied works including O&M in favour of the Executive Engineer, Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board, RA Puram, Chennai for a period of 20 years under general approval category as per the provisions of guidelines under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for critical development initiatives for public utility, subject to the following conditions: -

- The legal status of the diverted forest land remain unchanged.
- The demarcation of the proposed forest land shall be carried out by the User Agency by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at their cost.
- The User Agency has to pay the amount of Net Present Value which will be fixed as per the guidelines of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
- The User Agency has to bear the additional amount of Net Present Value which will be fixed as per the guidelines of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India as fixed by Forest Department in future.

- e) Amount of Net Present Value of forest area under the project shall be transferred / deposited to Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority fund only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>)
- f) The User Agency has to pay the cost towards annual lease rent as fixed by the Forest Department at the time of sanction along with any escalation for the forest land to be diverted of the above project in future for the entire project period.
- g) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.24 ha comprising water supply pipeline to a length of 1200m and width is 2.00m and after completion of underground laying of pipeline, area should be restored to its normalcy.
- h) The pipeline shall be laid down at-least 1.50 meter below the ground and after lying down of pipeline the ground will be leveled.
- i) Period of lease can be twenty (20) years. The User Agency has to apply renewal proposal before one year of expiry of lease with the State Forest Department.

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 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,

S. Mohamed Yusuf
for Additional Chief Secretary to Government
11/5/2022

Copy to:-

The Executive Engineer,
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The Deputy Director General of Forests (Central),
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Integrated Regional Office,
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Shastri Bhawan, Haddows Road,
Nungambakkam, Chennai-600 006.
The District Collector, Chengalpattu-603 001.
The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA),
O/o. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Chennai-15.
The District Forest Officer,
Chennai Forest Division, Chennai-600 006.
The Conservator of Forests,
Chennai Circle, Chennai-6.
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