

Forests – Coimbatore Forest Circle / Coimbatore Forest Division - Diversion of 0.0117 ha. of forest land in Jakkanari Reserve Forest of Coimbatore Forest Division for laying pipeline from Bhavani River to Forest College and Research Institute, Mettupalayam, Coimbatore District in favour of Dean, Forestry, Forest College and Research Institute, Mettupalayam, Coimbatore District under Section 2 of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 – Orders – Issued.

## **Environment, Climate Change and Forest (FR.10) Department**

G.O.(Ms) No. 117

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Read:

1. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoD), Letter No.TS3/345/2021, dated 23.07.2021.

2. Government letter No.12345/FR.10/2021-1,dated 06.09.2021.

3. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Lette No.TS3/345/ 2021, dated 23.05.2022.

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#### ORDER:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests in his letter first read above has furnished the proposal for diversion of 0.0117 ha. of forest land in Jakkanari Reserve Forest of Coimbatore Forest Division for laying pipeline from Bhavani River to Forest College and Research Institute, Mettupalayam, Coimbatore District in favour of Dean, Forestry, Forest College and Research Institute, Mettupalayam, Coimbatore District for a period of 20 years under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. In the Government letter second read above, the Government have conveyed the State Government's in-principle approval (Stage-I) under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.0117 ha. of forest land in Jakkanari Reserve Forest of Coimbatore Forest Division for laying pipeline from Bhavani River to Forest College and Research Institute, Mettupalayam, Coimbatore District in favour of Dean, Forestry, Forest College and Research Institute, Mettupalayam, Coimbatore District for a period of 20 years under general approval category as per the provisions made in the revised hand book of guidelines under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for critical development initiatives for public utility, subject to certain conditions and requested to furnish the compliance report, after satisfying all the conditions stipulated therein within a period of 5 years.

- 3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests in his letter third read above has furnished the compliance report in respect of the conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval accorded for the said proposal and also requested to issue final (Stage-II) approval under General approval category, for diversion of 0.0117 ha. of forest land in Jakkanari Reserve Forest of Coimbatore Forest Division for laying pipeline from Bhavani River to Forest College and Research Institute, Mettupalayam, Coimbatore District in favour of Dean, Forestry, Forest College and Research Institute, Mettupalayam, Coimbatore District for a period of 20 years under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
- 4. The Government after careful examination, accord the State Government's final (Stage-II) approval under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.0117 ha. of forest land in Jakkanari Reserve Forest of Coimbatore Forest Division for laying of pipeline from Bhavani River to Forest College and Research Institute, Mettupalayam, Coimbatore District in favour of Dean, Forestry, Forest College and Research Institute, Mettupalayam, Coimbatore District, for a period of 20 years under general approval category for critical development initiatives for public utility, subject to the following conditions:-

i. The legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.

ii. 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.

- iii. The User Agency has to pay the cost towards lease rent as fixed by the Forest Department at the time of sanction along with any escalation for the forest land to be diverted for the above project in future for the entire project period.
- iv. The project authorities should provide drinking water facilities to the Mettupalayam and Sirumugai Forest Staff quarters of Forest Department situated near to the Forest College.

v. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.0117 ha.

- vi. Period of lease is twenty (20) years. The User Agency has to apply renewal proposal before one year of expiry of lease with the State Forest Department.
- 5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests is requested to take action accordingly and send a report to Government in due course.

# (BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

# SUPRIYA SAHU ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Chennai-15.
The Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central),
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### Copy to:-

The District Collector, Coimbatore-641 018 The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation Act), O/o. the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai-15. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Coimbatore Circle, Coimbatore-641 043. The District Forest Officer, Coimbatore Division, Coimbatore-641 043. The Dean Forestry, Forest College and Research Institute, Mettupalayam, Coimbatore-641 301. SF/SC.

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