

TAMIL NADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

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To
The Executive Engineer,
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Ref. No. 4336 /2019/D dated 05.02.2021

Sir,

Sub : Forests - Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 - Trichy Circle/Pudukkottai Division - proposal for diversion of 0.12 Ha. of Forest land in Pudukkottai Kasba West RF for providing 0.70 mld water supply to TNSCB housing project area for 1920 tenements at Narimedu of Pudukkottai District in favour of Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, Pudukkottai - Government's in principles (Stage-I) approval - issued - Regarding.

Ref : 1 Government of Tamil Nadu Environment & Forests (FR-10) Department, Secretariat, Chennai Letter No. 15269 /FR.10/2020-3, dated 05.02.2021.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai Ref.No. TS4 / 30910 / 2020 dated 28.11.2020.
3. The District Forest Officer, Pudukkottai Ref.No.4336 /2019/D dated 06.10.2020.
4. The Executive Engineer, TWAD Board, Project Division, Pudukkottai Lr.No. 3-1/F-TNSCB-WS/Proj.Dn./Pdkt/2020 dated 23.09.2020.

I wish to inform that the Government of Tamil Nadu of Environment and Forests (FR-10) Secretariat, Chennai has accorded in Principal approval (Stage-1) under Section 2 of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.12 ha of Forest land in Pudukkottai Kasba West Reserve Forests for providing 0.70 mld water supply to TNSCB housing for all (HFA) project area for 1920 tenements at Narimedu of Pudukkottai District for a period of twenty years, in favour of the Executive Engineer, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, Pudukkottai, 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.

1. The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged and shall remain as Reserved Forests.
2. Felling of trees of spontaneous origin shall not be carried out. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
3. Since the drinking water project proposed by the User Agency is for the public utility only, the User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
4. The demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 mts at the cost of User Agency.
5. The Net Present Value of **Rs.78,840/-** is fixed by the forest department for 0.12 ha. of Forest land in Pudukkottai Kasba West Reserved Forests for Providing 0.70 mld water supply to TNSCB housing for all (HFA) project area for 1920 tenements at Narimedu of Pudukkottai District as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA.No's. 826 in 566 with related IA in WP. (Civil) No.202/1995.
6. The Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of diverted forest land 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.
7. The User Agency has to pay the cost of raising Compensatory Afforestation and maintenance of plantation, Protection of plantation etc., as fixed by the Forest Department and willingness to deposit additional amount if any suggested and demanded subsequently.
8. All the funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred / deposited to respective State CAMPA fund only through the chalan generated in the web portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in>).
9. 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.

10. The forest land shall not be used for any other purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
11. 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 and subsequent changes.
12. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Government.
13. No labour camp shall be established on forest land
14. The User Agency shall send renewal proposal one year before expiry of lease period.
15. The Forest Department may impose any other conditions in the interest of conservation / protection and development of forests.
16. The Compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in>).

After receipt of the compliance report on above mentioned conditions, the proposal will be considered for final approval. The in- principle approval shall be valid for a period of 5 years. In the event of non compliance of the above conditions, this in principle approval shall automatically stand revoked after 5 years.

On receipt of this reference should be acknowledged.

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Pudukkottai.

Copy submitted to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoD), Chennai for information.

Copy submitted to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Trichy Circle, Trichy for information.

Copy to the District Collector, Pudukkottai for information.

Copy to the Forest Range Officer, Pudukkottai for information and necessary action.

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Superintendent.