



ABSTRACT

Forests – Villupuram Circle / Cuddalore Forest Division - Diversion of 0.12 ha of forest land in Karmangudi Reserve Forest along the admitted right of way road for Combined Water Supply Scheme to Tittakudi, Pennadam, Mangalampettai, Gangaikondan, Vadalur and Kurinchipadi Town Panchayats and 625 rural habitations in Virudhachalam, Nallur Mangalore union in Cuddalore District in favour of the Executive Engineer, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, Project Division, Cuddalore under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Orders – Issued.

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

G.O.(Ms) No.57

Dated : 17.03.2023

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திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு - 2054

Read :

1. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoD), Letter No.TS3/23613/2021, dated 28.01.2022.
2. Government letter No.1769/FR.10/2022-1, dated 07.03.2022.
3. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Letter No.TS3/23613/2021, dated 15.12.2022.

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ORDER:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests in his letter first read above, has furnished the proposal (No.FP/TN/Water/143706/2021) for diversion of 0.12 ha of forest land in Karmangudi Reserve Forest along the admitted right of way road for Combined Water Supply Scheme to Tittakudi, Pennadam, Mangalampettai, Gangaikondan, Vadalur and Kurinchipadi Town Panchayats and 625 rural habitations in Virudhachalam, Nallur Mangalore union in Cuddalore District in favour of the Executive Engineer, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, Project Division, Cuddalore District, for a period of 25 years, under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. In the Government letter second read above, the Government have accorded the State Government's in-principle approval (Stage-I) under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.12 ha of forest land in Karmangudi Reserved Forest along the admitted Right of Way road for Combined Water Supply Scheme to Tittakudi, Pennadam, Mangalampettai, Gangaikondan, Vadalur and Kurinchipadi Town Panchayats and 625 rural habitations in Virudhachalam, Nallur Mangalore union in Cuddalore District in favour of the Executive Engineer,

Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, Project Division, Cuddalore District for a period of 25 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 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 (Head of Forest Force) in his letter third read above, has furnished the compliance report in respect of all 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 0.12 ha of forest land in Karmangudi Reserved Forest along the admitted Right of Way road for Combined Water Supply Scheme to Tittakudi, Pennadam, Mangalampettai, Gangaikondan, Vadalur and Kurinchipadi Town Panchayats and 625 rural habitations in Virudhachalam, Nallur Mangalore union in Cuddalore District in favour of the Executive Engineer, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, Project Division, Cuddalore District, for a period of 25 years, under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

4. The Government after careful examination, accord the State Government's final approval (Stage-II) under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.12 ha of forest land in Karmangudi Reserved Forest along the admitted Right of Way road for Combined Water Supply Scheme to Tittakudi, Pennadam, Mangalampettai, Gangaikondan, Vadalur and Kurinchipadi Town Panchayats and 625 rural habitations in Virudhachalam, Nallur Mangalore union in Cuddalore District in favour of the Executive Engineer, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, Project Division, Cuddalore District, for a period of 25 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:-

- a) The legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
- b) The User Agency has to pay the additional amount of Net Present Value which will be fixed as per the guidelines of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
- c) 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.
- d) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.12 ha comprising water supply pipeline to a length of 1500m and width is 0.80m and after completion of underground laying of pipeline, area should be restored to its normalcy.
- e) The pipeline shall be laid down at-least 1.50 meter below the ground and after lying down of pipeline the ground will be levelled.

- f) Period of lease is twenty five (25) 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

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The Additional Principal Chief Conservator
of Forests (Forest (Conservation) Act),
O/o. the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Chennai-32.

The Conservator of Forests,
Villupuram Circle, Villupuram-605 602.

The District Forest Officer,
Cuddalore Forest Division, Cuddalore – 607 001.

The Executive Engineer,
Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board,
Project Division, Cuddalore District-607 001.

The Private Secretary to Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Environment, Climate Change and Forests Department, Chennai-9.

The Private Secretary to Special Secretary (Forests),
Environment, Climate Change and Forests Department, Chennai-9.
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//FORWARDED BY ORDER//

M. Megala
20/3/2023

SECTION OFFICER

20/3/2023

