TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

From

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To
The Executive Engineer
TWAD Board Maintenance Division
Thoothukudi.

C.No. D/ 3522/2018, Dated: 17.11.2021.

Sir,

Sub: Forests - Forest (Conservation) Act 1980-Tirunelveli Circle/Thoothukudi Forest Division - proposal for diversion of 0.08 Ha of forest land for 20 MGD closed conduit scheme for Water supply Scheme to Thermal Power Project, SIPCOT complex and other industries in Thoothukudi District and for drinking and Industrial purposes in favour of Executive Engineer, TWAD, Thoothukudi-Revised Demand Notice-regarding.

Ref: 1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai C.N.TS4/24793/2018 dated 05.09.2021.

2.Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Chennai F.No.4 - TNB033/2019 - CHN/651 dated 18.08.2021.

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In the reference 1st Cited, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has communicated the copy of Government of India letter in which stage I clearance has been accorded for diversion of 0.08 Ha of forest land for 20 MGD closed conduit scheme for Water supply Scheme to Thermal Power Project, SIPCOT complex and other industries in Thoothukudi District and for drinking and Industrial púrposes of Thoothukudi Forest Division/District in favor of Executive Engineer, TWAD Board, Thoothukudi District for a period of 30 years subject to certain conditions. Hence this demand note is being sent to you for further action in this matter.

As per the Compensatory Afforestation Scheme, an amount of Rs.1,70,673/- (Rupees One Lakh Seventy Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy Three Only) has to be deposited for creation and maintenance of compensatory afforestation in identified non-forest area to on extent of 0.16ha. Further as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 28/03/2008 and 09/05/2008 and as per the guidelines by the MoEF&CC an Net Present Value amount of

Rs.17,832/-(Rupees Seventeen Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Two) has to be deposited. So a total amount of Rs.1,88,505/- (Rupees One Lakh Eighty Eight thousand Five Hundred and Five Only) may be deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal (http://Parvesh.nic.in). Furthc, you are also instructed to submit list of documents, certificate and undertakings for compliance of the conditions mentioned below;

- 1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged;
- 2. The User Agency shall demarcate the forest area diverted by demarcation of the proposed Forest area by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of User agency in consultation of the District Forest Officer, Thoothukudi before commencement of the project work.
- The non-forest land identified for CA and CA scheme shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- 4. Additional amount of Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of Indian in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;
- 5. The Funds received from the User agency towards Compensatory Afforestation, Net Present Value any money as mentioned in the demand notice in compliance of the conditions stipulated by the Central Government under this project compulsorily be deposited in to the "State Compensatory Afforestation Fund of Tamil Nadu State" by generating Challan from the parivesh portal.
- 6. Clearance under FCA, 1980 is limited to diverting to forest area over 0.08 ha for Non-Forestry purpose and water supply/allocation for drinking & Industrial usage shall be regulated as per the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India directions and fortnightly of District Collector, Thoothukudi in the matter be sent to Regional Office also for office records without fail.
- 7. The User agency is directed not to involve in violation of FCA,1980 in any manner and the undertaking of the same be furnished.
- 8. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government;
- 9. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in);

- 10. The Total Forest area shall not exceed that 0.08ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
- 11. The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstance be transferred / sublet to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government
- 12. User agency shall ensure compliance to provisions of all the acts, Rules, Guidelines and court orders if any for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
- 13. Any other conditions that the Central Government or Regional Officer (Central) of Integrated Regional Office, Chennai may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the User Agency;
- 14. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action provision made under FCA, 1980 and guidelines made there under.

Hence you are requested to submit a compliance report containing a copy of documentary evidence in respect of the payment of compensatory levies along with documents, certificates and undertakings within 30 days of receipt of this demand note so that they may be forwarded for final approval.

Sd/- Abhishek Tomar, District Forest Officer, Thoothukudi Division, Thoothukudi.

Copy submitted to the Conservator of Forests and Field Director, Kalakkad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve, Tirunelveli.

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Superintendent