



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

Letter No. 7207 /FR.10/2022-1, Dated.06.06.2022

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

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),
Chennai-15.

Sir,

Sub: Forests - Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Madurai Circle/
Theni & Madurai Forest Divisions - Diversion of 0.13 ha of
forest land in Theni Division & 0.0332 ha of forest land in
Madurai Division of Madurai District for Water Supply
improvement scheme to Usilampatty Municipality – State
Government in principle approval (Stage-I) accorded.

Ref: Your letter No. TS4/39546/2017, dated. 15.04.2022..

With reference to your letter cited, I am directed to convey the Government's in-principle approval (Stage-I) under Section-2 of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.13 ha of forest land in Theni Division and 0.0332 ha of forest land in Madurai Division of Madurai District for Water Supply improvement scheme to Usilampatty Municipality in favour of the Executive Engineer, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, Madurai for a period of 20 years, 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:-

- (i) The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged and shall remain as Reserved Forests.
- (ii) The demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet height cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 mts at the cost of User Agency.
- (iii) The User Agency shall pay the Net present value of the diverted forest area at the rates stipulated by the Ministry of Environment and Forests in File.No:5-3/2011-FC (Vol.I) dated 06.01.2022 and 19.01.2022 and from time to time, as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in I.A. Nos. 826 in 566 with related IAs in Writ Petition(Civil) No.202/1995.

- (iv) The fund from the User Agency towards NPV under this project shall be deposited by generating challan from the Ministry's online web portal. UTR No., and date should be furnished.
- (v) The Additional amount of the 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 India in future shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
- (vi) 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.
- (vii) The forest land shall not be used for any other purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
- (viii) The lease rent should be realized from the User Agency as per G.O.(Ms).No.272, E&F(FR.XIII) Department, dated 15.04.1991.
- (ix) The period of lease is 20 years
- (x) The User Agency should send renewal proposal one year before expiry of lease.
- (xi) The Conservator of Forests and District Forest Officers may impose any other condition, if required in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests.

2. I am also to inform you that only after receipt of the compliance report on all the above mentioned conditions, the proposal will be considered for final approval and transfer of protected land to User Agency shall not be effected prior to the issue of final approval. Further, this in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 5 years and in the event of non-compliance of the above conditions, this in-principle approval shall automatically stand revoked after 5 years.

Yours faithfully,

M. Megala
10/6/2022

for Additional Chief Secretary to Government

Copy to:

The Executive Engineer,
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The Deputy Director General of Forests (Central),
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The District Collector,
Theni District.

The District Collector,
Madurai District.

The Additional Principal Chief
Conservator of Forests (FCA),
Chennai-15.

The District Forest Officer,
Theni District .

The District Forest Officer,
Madurai District

The Conservator of Forests & Field Director,
Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve,
Madurai Circle, Madurai.
SC/SF.