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फा.नं./F.No. 4-TNB142/2025-CHN/ 1609
दिनांक/Date: 27th October, 2025

सेवा में/To,

The Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of Tamil Nadu,
Environment, Climate Change & Forest Department,
Secretariat, Fort St. George,
Chennai-600 009.

विषय/Subject: Diversion of 0.21 ha forest area in Kuruchi Forest Block I and II of Coimbatore Forest Division for providing water supply for 8 added areas in Coimbatore Corporation extended areas in the Coimbatore District in favour of Executive Engineer, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, Major Projects Division, Coimbatore District-Reg.

महोदय/Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No. 17155/FR.10/2022-4 dated 03.10.2025 and online proposal No. FP/TN/Water/43869/2020, seeking prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of forest land in accordance with Section 2(1) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for the above-mentioned project.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am hereby directed to convey the Central Government's **In-principle approval (Stage-I)** under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, for diversion of 0.21 ha forest area in Kuruchi Forest Block I and II of Coimbatore Forest Division for providing water supply for 8 added areas in Coimbatore Corporation extended areas in the Coimbatore District in favour of Executive Engineer, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, Major Projects Division, Coimbatore District, subject to the following conditions:-

- i. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- ii. Demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at the appropriate distance as decided by the DFO concerned, at the cost of User Agency;
- iii. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring **0.21 ha** from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos.826 in 566 with related IA's in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995 and Ministry's guideline No. 5-3/2011-FC(Vol-I) dated 06.01.2022 and clarification issued vide letter dated 19.01.2022 and 22.03.2022;

iv. 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;

v. **The State Forest Department shall carry out compensatory afforestation over an extent of 0.42 ha of DFL in Bolampatti Block-I RF as per Compensatory Afforestation Scheme including maintenance for a period of 10 years, at the cost of the User Agency;**

vi. Identified CA area and CA scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government;

vii. All the funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>) ;

viii. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;

ix. No additional or new paths will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;

x. The User Agency shall provide fire wood preferably alternate fuel to labourers working at the site to avoid damage/tree felling and no labour camp shall be established inside the forest area;

xi. Disturbance shall be kept minimum by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it shall be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna;

xii. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused;

xiii. The concerned Divisional Forest Officer will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forest in the surrounding area;

xiv. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **0.21 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;

xv. The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;

xvi. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;

xvii. Any other conditions that the Central Government may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forest and Wildlife;

xviii. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as per the rules/guidelines issued under Section 2(1) of Van (Sanrakshan Evarn Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980

xix. The State Government shall process and submit compliance report on the above conditions through online (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>);

xx. **The User Agency shall provide CA in NFL area for compensatory afforestation in lieu of the forest area diverted, if applicable, based on the final outcome in the WP No.1164/2023, which is currently pending**

before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. The State Forest Department shall ensure that an undertaking from the user agency is obtained in this regard.

After receipt of the compliance report on above mentioned conditions, the proposal will be considered for final approval. This In-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 2 years from the date of issue of this letter. In the event of non-compliance of the above conditions within 2 years, In-principle approval shall be deemed to be null and void.

आपका विश्वासी/Yours faithfully,

Digitally signed by

Yuvaraj S

Date: 27-10-2025

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Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Forest Department, Guindy-Velachery Main Road, Guindy, Chennai – 32.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Forest Department, Guindy-Velachery Main Road, Guindy, Chennai – 32.
4. IGF, ROHQ, MoEF&CC, New Delhi -110003-For information please.
5. Executive Engineer, TWAD Board, Coimbatore Division-641011 (E-mail: seatigersiva@gmail.com)
6. Guard file.

Sd/-

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