



ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS(FR.10)
DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT,
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From
Thiru. Shambu Kallollikar, I.A.S.,
Principal Secretary to Government.

To
The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central),
Government of India,
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change,
Regional Office (South Eastern Zone),
1 & 2nd Floor, HEPC Building,
No.34, Cathedral Garden Road,
Nungambakkam, Chennai-34. (w.e.)

Sir,

Sub: Forests – Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Madurai Circle/Theni Forest Division – Proposal for diversion of 0.00487 ha of forest land for the TANTEA sales bunk entrance areas and for the movement of Consumers in favour of Managing Director, TANTEA, Nilgiris – Regarding.

Ref: From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Letter No.TS4/37126/2016, dated 26.10.2018.

I am directed to state that the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has sent a proposal for diversion of 0.00487 ha of forest land for the TANTEA sales bunk entrance areas and for the movement of Consumers in Valkaradu RF areas of Theni Range in Theni Forest Division of Madurai Circle in favour of Managing Director, TANTEA Corporation Limited, Nilgiris under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. The District Forest Officer, Theni Forest Division, Theni has furnished the following details:-

- i. The site has been inspected on 27.03.2018.
- ii. This project is TANTEA sales bunk entrance at Valkaradu RF to an area of 0.00487 ha of Theni Range in Theni Forest Division.
- iii. The total area 0.00487 ha is plain adjacent to Theni – Madurai Main road, having no tree growth.

- iv. There is no spontaneous tree growth in the proposed forest area. There is no endangered species of flora and fauna found in the proposed area. The proposed area for diversion does not have any important monuments which are archaeological /heritage site/ defence establishment etc.
- v. In the proposed area the User Agency has not carried out any work, which contravenes the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Since there is no alternate site for promotion of TANTEA sales. Diversion is very much essential.

The District Forest Officer, Theni Division has therefore recommended for diversion of 0.0048768 ha. of forest land to TANTEA Corporation Limited.

3. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Madurai has stated that, the area is located in Valkaradu RF of Theni Range in Theni Division. The total area proposed to be diverted for this project is 0.004876 ha only (6.40 x 7.62 m). The diversion is not likely to significantly impact the flora and fauna of the area. The proposed area for diversion does not have any important monuments of Archeological, Heritage site, Defence establishment etc., and the area requested for the project is the barest minimum and hence the project is recommended. In this regard, the proposed area ie. TANTEA sales bunk entrance at Valkaradu RF areas of Theni Range in Theni Forest Division is not fallen within the National Park/ Wildlife sanctuary.

4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoD) has recommended and forwarded the proposal and requested the Government to consider and forward the proposals for diversion of 0.00487 ha of forest land for the TANTEA sales bunk entrance areas and for the movement of Consumers in Valkaradu RF areas of Theni Range in Theni Forest Division of Madurai Circle of Tamil Nadu in favour of Managing Director, TANTEA, Nilgiris for a period of three years under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 to Government of India for obtaining their concurrence subject to the following conditions:-

- a. The legal status of the diverted forest land remains unchanged.
- b. The User Agency has to pay the amount of Net Present Value for the 0.00487 ha of forest land which be fixed as per the guidelines of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
- c. The User Agency has to bear the additional Net Present Value will be fixed as per the guidelines of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
- d. The User Agency has to pay the cost towards lease rent as fixed by the Forest Department at the time of sanction along with any escalation for the forest land to be diverted for the above project in future.
- e. Period of diversion can be three years. If any maintenance to be carried out by the User Agency they have to apply renewal proposal before six month of expiry of lease with the State Forest Department.

5. The Government have examined the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoD) for diversion of 0.00487 ha of forest land for the TANTEA sales bunk entrance areas and for the movement of Consumers in Valkaradu RF areas of Theni Range in Theni Forest Division of Madurai Circle of Tamil Nadu in favour of Managing Director, TANTEA, Nilgiris for a period of three years under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and have decided to accept and forward the same to Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change.

6. I am therefore, to request you to kindly obtain the concurrence of the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change and communicate the same to the Government early.

Yours faithfully,

S. Mohamed Yusef 8/11/2019.
for Principal Secretary to Governemnt.

Copy to :-

✓ The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Department),
Chennai-15.

The Managing Director,
TANTEA, Nilgiris,
Coonoor – 643 101.

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8/11/2019

PART - V

(To be filled in by the Secretary in charge of Forest Department or by any other authorized officer of the State Government not below the rank of an Under Secretary)

Diversion of 0.00487 ha of forest land for the TANTEA sales bunk entrance areas and for the movement of Consumers in Valkaradu RF areas of Theni Range in Theni Forest Division of Madurai Circle of Tamil Nadu in favour of Managing Director, TANTEA, Nilgiris.

18. Recommendation of the State Government

(Adverse comments made by any officer or authority in Part-B or Part - C or Part - D above should be specifically commented upon)

Recommended

6. 22/11/19
[M. SATHISH KUMAR]

Signature

Name & Designation
(Official Seal)

Date : 4.1.19

Place :