



ABSTRACT

Forests – Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve, Madurai Circle / Sivaganga Division – Diversion of 0.0696 ha. of forest land for laying water pipeline under Combined Water Supply Scheme to 8 Town Panchayats, 2452 Rural Habitations, 3 Municipalities in Sivaganga District in favour of the Assistant Executive Engineer, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, Project Sub Division, Karaikudi under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND FOREST (FR.10) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms) No.155

Dated: 30.10.2023

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Read:

1. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Letter No.TS4/29852/2021, dated 21.07.2022.
2. Government letter No.13831/FR.10/2022-1, dated 19.09.2022.
3. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Letter No. TS4/29852/2022, dated 20.09.2023.

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ORDER :

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) in his letter first read above has furnished the proposal (No.FP/TN/Water/145728/2021) for diversion of 0.0696 ha. of forest land for laying water pipeline under Combined Water Supply Scheme to 8 Town Panchayats, 2452 Rural Habitations, 3 Municipalities in Sivaganga District across Nattucheri Reserved Forest in favour of the Assistant Executive Engineer, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, Project Sub Division, Karaikudi, for a period of 20 years, under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and recommended the same for approval under General Approval category.

2. In the Government letter second read above, the Government have conveyed the State Government's in-principle approval (Stage-I) under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.0696 ha of forest land for the project proposal across Nattucheri Reserved Forest in favour of the Assistant Executive Engineer, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, Project Sub Division, Karaikudi, for a period of 20 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 on all the conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval and also requested to issue final (Stage-II) approval under General

Approval category, for diversion of 0.0696 ha. of forest land for laying water pipeline under Combined Water Supply Scheme to 8 Town Panchayats, 2452 Rural Habitations, 3 Municipalities in Sivaganga District across Nattucheri Reserved Forest in favour of the Assistant Executive Engineer, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, Project Sub Division, Karaikudi, for a period of 20 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 0.0696 ha. of forest land for laying water pipeline under Combined Water Supply Scheme to 8 Town Panchayats, 2452 Rural Habitations, 3 Municipalities in Sivaganga District across Nattucheri Reserved Forest in favour of the Assistant Executive Engineer, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, Project Sub Division, Karaikudi, for a period of 20 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:-

- i. The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged.
- ii. The demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of user agency.
- iii. The pipeline shall be laid down 1.5m below the ground after laying down of pipeline, the ground have to be levelled.
- iv. 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 the effect.
- v. 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.
- vi. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
- vii. The lease rent should be realized from the User Agency as per G.O.(Ms).No.272, Environment and Forest (FR.XIII) Department, dated 15.04.1991.
- viii. The period of lease is 20 years.
- ix. The User Agency should send renewal proposal one year before expiry of lease.
- x. The Conservator of Forests and District Forest Officer may impose any other condition if required in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests.

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)

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M. Megala
31/10/2023

SECTION OFFICER

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