

ABSTRACT

Forests – Chennai Forest Circle / Kancheepuram Forest Division –Diversion of 0.096 ha of forest land in Sonalur Reserved Forest area in Mambakkam village of Chengalpattu-Kancheepuram Forest Division for laying of 33Kv 1x630sqmm XLPE UG cable from Mambakkam 110 Kv SS to Pudhupakkam 33Kv SS in Kancheepuram District in favour of the Executive Engineer, Chennai Development Circle, TANGEDCO, Thiru-Vi-Ka-Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai under Section 2 of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 – Orders – Issued.

Environment, Climate Change and Forests (FR.10) Department

G.O.(Ms) No.62

Dated: 31.08.2021

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Read:

- 1. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Letter No.TS3/48986/2018, dated.19.08.2020.
- 2. Government letter No.10112/FR.10/2020-1, Environment and Forests (FR.10) Department dated 28.09.2020.
- 3. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Letter No. TS3/48986/2018, dated 09.07.2021.

ORDER:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests in his letter first read above has furnished the proposal for diversion of 0.096 ha of forest land in Sonalur Reserved Forest area in Mambakkam village of Chengalpattu-Kancheepuram Forest Division for laying of 33Kv 1x630sqmm XLPE UG cable from Mambakkam 110 Kv SS to Pudhupakkam 33 Kv SS in Kancheepuram District in favour of the Executive Engineer, Chennai Development Circle, TANGEDCO, Thiru-Vi-Ka-Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai under Section 2 of Forest Conservation Act, 1980.

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 0.096 ha of forest land in Sonalur Reserved Forest area in Mambakkam village of Chengalpattu-Kancheepuram Forest Division for laying of 33Kv 1x630sqmm XLPE UG cable from Mambakkam 110 Kv SS to Pudhupakkam 33Kv SS in Kancheepuram District in favour of the Executive Engineer, Chennai Development Circle, TANGEDCO, Thiru-Vi-Ka-Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai for a period of 30 years under general approval category as per the provisions made in the revised hand book 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 in his letter third read above has furnished the compliance report in respect of the conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval accorded for the said proposal and also stated that the User Agency has transferred the Compensatory Afforestation cost of Rs.358464 and Net Present Value for Rs.42048/- along with 5% of total cost for Rs.17923 towards contingency fund of special nature of works by generating chalan for total amount of Rs.418435/- in the ministry web portal on 16.12.2020 and he has requested to issue final approval under General approval category for diversion of 0.096 ha of forest land in Sonalur Reserved Forest area in Mambakkam village of Chengalpattu-Kancheepuram Forest Division for laying of 33Kv 1x630sqmm XLPE UG cable from Mambakkam 110 Kv SS to Pudhupakkam 33Kv SS in Kancheepuram District in favour of the Executive Engineer, Chennai Development Circle, TANGEDCO, Thiru-Vi-Ka-Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai for a period of 30 years under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
- 4. The Government after careful examination, accord the State Government's final (Stage-II) approval under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.096 ha of forest land in Sonalur Reserved Forest area in Mambakkam village of Chengalpattu-Kancheepuram Forest Division for laying of 33Kv 1x630sqmm XLPE UG cable from Mambakkam 110 Kv SS to Pudhupakkam 33Kv SS in Kancheepuram District in favour of the Executive Engineer, Chennai Development Circle, TANGEDCO, Thiru-Vi-Ka-Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai for a period of 30 years under general approval category for critical development initiatives for public utility, subject to the following conditions:-
 - (i) The legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
 - (ii) The demarcation of the proposed forest land shall be carried out by the User Agency by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at their cost.
 - (iii) The User Agency has to bear the additional amount of Net Present Value which will be fixed as per the guidelines of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India as fixed by Forest Department in future.
 - (iv) The User Agency has to pay the cost towards lease rent for the forest area diversion period as fixed by the Forest Department at the time of sanction along with any escalation for the forest land to be diverted of the above project in future for the entire project period.
 - (v) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.096 ha comprising underground cable to a length of 1600m width of 0.60m and depth of 1.20m on the southern side along the existing boundary of Sonalur Reserved Forest and after completion of underground laying Under Ground cable, area should be restored to its normalcy.
 - (vi) Period of lease is thirty (30) years. The User Agency has to apply renewal proposal before one year of expiry of lease with the State Forest Department.
 - (vii) The District Forest Officer may impose any other condition in the interest of conservation /protection and development of forests.

- (viii) The Nodal Officer (Forest Conservation) shall submit the monthly report to the concerned Regional Office by fifth of every month.
- 6. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests is directed to take necessary action accordingly and send a report to Government in due course.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

SUPRIYA SAHU PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

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

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Copy to:-

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The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation Act),

O/o. the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai-15.

The Chief Conservator of Forests,

Chennai Circle, Chennai-6.

The District Forest Officer, Chengalpattu Division, Kancheepuram.

The Executive Engineer,

Chennai Development Circle, TANGEDCO, Thiru-Vi-Ka-Industrial Estate,

Guindy, Chennai-600032.

The Private Secretary to Principal Secretary to Government.

Environment, Climate Change and Forests Department, Chennai-9.

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