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TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

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To

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C. No. TS3/1022/2021, Dated: 02.09.2025.

Madam,

Sub: Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Diversion of 0.90 ha of forest land in Pennaiyar RF in Tiruvannamalai Forest Division area for construction of fuse plug pertaining to Thandampattu Taluk of Tiruvannamalai District for discharge of heavy floods from Sathanur Reservoir in Tiruvannamalai District in favour of Assistant Executive Engineer, PWD Sathanur Dam, Tiruvannamalai District – Stage-I approval accorded by the Government of India – Compliance report furnishing – Regarding

- Ref: 1 Online proposal uploaded by the Assistant Executive Engineer, PWD Sathanur Dam Tiruvannamalai District Proposal No. FP/TN/IRRIG/118339/2021
- 2 Part-II of Form-A uploaded by the District Forest Officer, Tiruvannamalai Division on 23.03.2022
- 3 Part-III of Form-A uploaded by the Conservator of Forests, Vellore Circle on 04.05.2022 and EDS reply on 20.06.2022 and 13.07.2022.
- 4 Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Ref. No. TS3/1022/2021, dated 03.08.2022 and 19.07.2023
- 5 Government letter No. 14151/FR.10/2022-2, dated 30.09.2022 and 24.08.2023
- 6 Government of India letter F. No. 4-TNB097/2022-CHN/1117 dated 03.09.2023
- 7 Compliance of conditions uploaded by the user agency in parivesh portal on 16.04.2025 and forwarded by the District Forest Officer and Chief Conservator of Forests

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I wish to furnish herewith the Compliance report on Stage I in-Principle approval accorded for diversion of 0.90 ha of forest land in Pennaiyar RF in Tiruvannamalai Forest Division area for construction of fuse plug pertaining to

Thandampattu Taluk of Tiruvannamalai District for discharge of heavy floods from Sathanur Reservoir in Tiruvannamalai District in favour of Assistant Executive Engineer, PWD Sathanur Dam, Tiruvannamalai District as follows.

Condition No.	Conditions stipulated by the Government	Compliance of conditions/ reply
1	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;	The legal status of the diverted forest land remains unchanged. The user agency has agreed the condition,
2	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 the User Agency;	The District Forest Officer, Tiruvannamalai Division has reported that, the user agency has carried out the demarcation in the proposed forest diversion area by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of the User Agency.
3	The State Forest Department shall carry out compensatory afforestation over an extent of 1.80 ha of degraded forest area in Pinjur C Block RF at the cost of the User Agency;	An amount of Rs. 27,48,702/- has been paid by the user agency on 15.03.2024 in the State CAMPA account by generating challan in parivesh portal. Compensatory afforestation plantation raising and maintenance of plantation will be carried out after obtaining Stage-II approval from Government of India and approval of State CAMPA APO.
4	Identified CA area and CA scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government;	Identified CA area and CA scheme will not be changed without prior approval of Central

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5	The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring 0.90ha 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. 53/2011-FC(Vol-I) dated 06.01.2022 and clarification issued vide letter dated 19.01.2022 and 22.03.2022	An amount of Rs. 11,05,731/- has been paid by the user agency on 15.03.2024 in the State CAMPA account by generating challan in parivesh portal towards Net Present Value of forest area.
6	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;	The user agency has furnished undertaking in compliance of the condition.
7	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/);	Funds towards compensatory afforestation and Net Present Value of forest area under this project has been transferred by the user agency in State CAMPA account in parivesh portal
8	The User Agency shall construct retaining walls and check walls wherever required, by consulting the DFO concerned, at the project cost;	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect and uploaded in the compliance report.

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9	No additional / new path shall be made during execution of the project;	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect and uploaded in the compliance report.
10	The UA shall obtain prior approval / permission from the Hon'ble SC of India / CEC for felling of spontaneous trees;	The User agency has obtained approval from the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on 18.09.2024 for felling of spontaneous trees in this project in IA No. 138800 of 2024. Copy of order uploaded in the compliance report uploaded by the user agency.
11	After thorough examination on all aspects, the separate proposal for downstream Channel / pipeline up to reach the nearest or any such point of the original river course shall be submitted under FCA, 1980;	<p>The User Agency has assured separate proposal for downstream channel / pipeline up to reach the nearest or any such point of original river under FCA 1980 will be furnished if any required.</p> <p>The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect and uploaded in the compliance report.</p>
12	CAT plan may be insisted, if required as per the field conditions;	The user agency has reported that, CAT plan is not required for the project.
13	The State Government shall ensure to obtain approval / permission from the competent authority for increasing of water holding capacity of the dam. The State Government / UA shall	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect and uploaded in the compliance report.

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	strictly comply with the hon'ble court / tribunals orders if any in this regard;	
14	By conducting study by the reputed institution, the State Government shall ascertain whether additional forest will be submerged due to increasing height by constructing of proposed fuse plug and shall seek prior approval of the central Government under FCA, 1980 for usage of such additional forest area, if required;	The user agency has reported that, as per Dam Safety Review Panel Doc. No. DSRP-1/2020 by State Government conducted the inspection of total area of dam. The storage does not rise due to construction of fuse plug. So, does not arise this additional area of forest land required. Above report uploaded in the compliance report.
15	Details of forest area leased for the dam and its allied activities by the State Government shall be submitted along with the compliance report i.e. extent of forest area leased out and period of lease, actual extent of forest area utilized etc along with the supporting documents;	<p>The District Forest Officer, Tiruvannamalai Division has reported that, as per G.O. Ms No. 2357, Food and Agriculture Department, dated 30.06.1965, forest land for an extent of 1066 acres was transferred to the Public Works Department on collection of land value basis.</p> <p>As per the above Government orders, the land was not provided on lease basis but transferred the entire area of 1066 acres to the Public Works Department and the entire area is under utilisation by the Public Works Department.</p> <p>Also, the area proposed for diversion to an area of 0.90 ha is exclusive from the above</p>

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		transferred land. Copy of above Government order uploaded in the District Forest Officer, Tiruvannamalai Division report.
16	The project may involve cuttings and fillings which require engineering support shall be provided as per the instructions of the DFO concerned so as to stabilize the soil,	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect and uploaded in the compliance report.
17	The dug out material / overburden shall be dumped outside the forest area. Storage of any material shall not be done in the forest area;	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect and uploaded in the compliance report.
18	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect and uploaded in the compliance report.
19	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;	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect and uploaded in the compliance report.
20	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;	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect and uploaded in the compliance report.

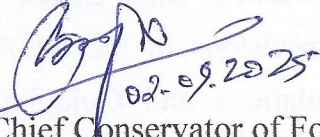
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21	The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed <u>0.90</u> ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect and uploaded in the compliance report.
22	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;	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect and uploaded in the compliance report.
23	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;	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect and uploaded in the compliance report.
24	Any other conditions that the Central Government or DDG, RO, Chennai may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the user agency;	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect and uploaded in the compliance report.
25	In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the user agency is liable for penal action as provisions of rules /guidelines made under FCA, 1980.	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect and uploaded in the compliance report.
26	The State Government shall process and submit compliance report on the	Compliance report processed through parivesh portal.

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	above conditions through online (https://parivesh.nic.in/);	

Compliance report of the User agency along with connected undertakings/ documents and report of District Forest Officer, Tiruvannamalai Division are uploaded in parivesh portal.

I request that, compliance report may be considered and forwarded to the Government of India for issue of Stage - II final approval for diversion of 0.90 ha of forest land in Pennaiyar RF in Tiruvannamalai Forest Division area for construction of fuse plug pertaining to Thandampattu Taluk of Tiruvannamalai District for discharge of heavy floods from Sathanur Reservoir in Tiruvannamalai District in favour of Assistant Executive Engineer, PWD Sathanur Dam, Tiruvannamalai District for a period of 25 years.

Yours faithfully


02-09-2025
For Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)


04/09/2025