

Letter No.15269/FR.10/2020-7, dated: 17.02.2025

From
Tmt.Supriya Sahu, IAS.,
Additional Chief Secretary to Government.

To
The Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central),
Government of India,
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change,
Regional Office,
Additional Office Block for GPOA, 1st Floor,
Shastri Bhawan, Haddows Road,s
Nungambakkam, Chennai-600 006. (w.e).

Sir,

Sub: Forests – Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan)
Adhiniyam, 1980 - Trichy Circle – Pudukottai Forest
Division – Proposal (FP/TN/Water/49039/2020) for
diversion of 0.12 ha of forest land in Pudukottai Kasba
West Reserved Forest for providing 0.70 mld water
supply to TNSCB housing for all (HFA) project area for
1920 tenements at Narimedu of Pudukottai District in
favour of Executive Engineer, Tamil Nadu Water Supply
and Drainage Board, Pudukkottai – Compliance report –
Forwarding of - Regarding.

- Ref:
1. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoD)
Letter No.TS4/30910/2020, dated 05.11.2020.
 2. Government letter No.15269/FR.10/2020-1&2, dated
16.11.2020 & 17.12.2020.
 3. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(HoD), Letter No.TS4/30910/2020, dated 28.11.2020
& 28.12.2020.
 4. Government letter No.15269/FR.10/2020-3, dated
05.02.2021.
 5. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(HoFF) Letter No.TS4/30910/2020, dated 08.01.2025.

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I am directed to invite your attention to the Government letter 4th cited, wherein the State Government have accorded in-principle approval (Stage-I) under section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.12 ha. of forest land in Pudukottai Kasba West Reserved Forest for providing 0.70 mld water supply to TNSCB housing for all (HFA) project area for 1920 tenements at Narimedu of Pudukottai District in favour of Executive Engineer, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, Pudukkottai District for a period of 20 years, under General

Approval category, as per the provisions of guidelines under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, subject to the following conditions:-

- i. The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged and shall remain as Reserved Forest.
- ii. Felling of trees of spontaneous origin shall not be carried out. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
- iii. Since the drinking water project proposed by the User Agency is for the public utility only, the User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
- iv. The demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet height cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 mts at the cost of User Agency.
- v. The User Agency shall pay the Net present value of the diverted forest area at the rates stipulated by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change from time to time, as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court Order dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos.826 in 566 with related IAs in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995.
- vi. 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.
- vii. The User Agency has to pay the cost of raising Compensatory Afforestation and maintenance of plantation, Protection of plantation etc. as fixed by the Forest Department and willingness to deposit additional amount if any suggested and demanded subsequently.
- viii. All the funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred / deposited to respective State CAMPA fund only through the chalan generated in the web portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in>).
- ix. 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.
- x. The forest land shall not be used for any other purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
- xi. The lease rent should be realized from the User Agency as per G.O.(Ms).No.272, Environment and Forests (FR.XIII) Department, dated 15.04.1991 and subsequent changes.
- xii. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Government.
- xiii. No labour camp shall be established on forest land.
- xiv. The User Agency shall send renewal proposal one year before expiry of lease period.
- xv. The Forest Department may impose any other conditions in the interest of conservation/ protection and development of forests.
- xvi. The Compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<http://Parivesh.nic.in>)

2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) in his letter 5th cited has furnished the compliance report on all the conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval accorded in the Government letter 4th cited. Since the authority to process the above said proposal as per the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 is the

Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Regional Office, Chennai, the Government have decided to forward the compliance report to Government of India, Ministry of Environment Forests and Climate Change, Regional Office, Chennai for obtaining final approval.

3. I am, therefore to request you to obtain final approval on the subject proposal from the Competent Authority and communicate the same to this Government, early.

Yours faithfully,

A. Malathy 17/2/25

for Additional Chief Secretary to Government.

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TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

From
Thiru. Srinivas R. Reddy, I.F.S.,
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force),
Forest Headquarters Building,
Guindy – Velachery Main Road,
Near Kannikapuram Checkpost,
Guindy, Chennai – 600 032.

To
The Principal Secretary to Government,
Environment, Climate Change and Forests
Department, Secretariat,
Chennai – 600 009.

Ref. No. TS4/30910/2020, dated: 08.01.2025

Sir,

Sub: Forests – Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 [previously called Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980] – Trichy Circle – Pudukkottai Forest Division – Proposal for diversion of 0.12 ha of forest land in Pudukkottai Kasba west RL for providing 0.70 mld water supply to TNSCB housing for all (HFA) project area for 1920 tenements at Narimedu of Pudukkottai District in favour of the Executive Engineer, TWAD Board, Project Division, Pudukkottai – Government's In-Principle (Stage-I) approval issued under general approval category – Compliance report uploaded by the User Agency – forwarding – reg.

- Ref:
1. Online application uploaded by Executive Engineer, TWAD Board, Project Division, Pudukkottai, Proposal No: FP / TN / Water / 49039 / 2020 on 26.08.2020.
 2. Part-II uploaded by District Forest Officer, Pudukkottai on 07.10.2020.
 3. Government's In-Principle (Stage-I) approval issued under general approval category vide Letter No.15269/FR.10/2020-3, dt: 05.02.2021.
 4. Compliance report uploaded by Executive Engineer, TWAD Board, Project Division, Pudukkottai on 08.03.2022.
 5. Compliance Report reviewed by District Forest Officer, Pudukkottai vide C. No. 4336 / 2019 / D, dt: 14.10.2024.
 6. Compliance Report reviewed by Chief Conservator of Forests, Trichy vide Ref. No. 3440/2020/D, dt: 17.10.2024.

I wish to inform that, the User Agency ie. The Executive Engineer, TWAD Board, Project Division, Pudukkottai has uploaded the Compliance report for the conditions stipulated by the Government's In-Principle (Stage-I) approval issued under general approval category vide Letter No.15269/FR.10/2020-3, dt: 05.02.2021 for diversion of 0.12 ha of forest land in Pudukkottai Kasba west RL for providing 0.70 mld water supply to TNSCB housing for all (HFA) project area for 1920 tenements at Narimedu of Pudukkottai District.

The above Compliance Report has been verified and forwarded by the District Forest Officer, Pudukkottai and the Chief Conservator of Forests, Trichy vide reference 5th and 6th cited above.

The contents of the Compliance report are as follows:

Sl. No.	Compliance stipulated by State Government	Compliance of conditions / reply
1.	The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged and shall remain as Reserved Forests.	The User Agency has agreed that the legal status of the land shall remain unchanged and shall remain as Reserved Forests. — P-142 ✓
2.	Felling of trees of spontaneous origin shall not be carried out. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.	The User Agency has agreed that the felling of trees of spontaneous origin shall not be carried out. User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect. — P-143 ✓
3.	Since the drinking water project proposed by the User Agency is for the public utility only, the User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.	The User Agency has agreed that the drinking water project proposed by them is for the public utility only. User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect. — P-144 ✓
4.	The demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet height cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 mts at the cost of User Agency.	The User Agency has agreed that the demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet height cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 mts at the cost of them. — P-145 ✓
5.	The User Agency shall pay the Net present value of the diverted forest area at the rates stipulated by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change from time to time, as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court Order dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos. 826 in 566 with related IAs in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995.	The User Agency has deposited Rs.78,840/- (The UTR No. is UBINJ21041583504 , dt: 10.02.2021) towards Net Present Value for the forest land being diverted under this proposal as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court Order dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos. 826 in 566 with related IAs in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995. — P-146 ✓ P-157 ✓
6.	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.	The User Agency has agreed that 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 them. The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect. — P-147 ✓

Sl. No.	Compliance stipulated by State Government	Compliance of conditions / reply
7.	The User Agency has to pay the cost of raising Compensatory Afforestation and maintenance of plantation, Protection of plantation etc. as fixed by the Forest Department and willingness to deposit additional amount if any suggested and demanded subsequently.	The User Agency has agreed that they have to pay the cost of raising Compensatory Afforestation and maintenance of plantation, Protection of plantation etc. as fixed by the Forest Department and willingness to deposit additional amount if any suggested and demanded subsequently. P.148 ✓
8.	All the funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred / deposited to respective State CAMPA fund only through the chalan generated in the web portal (https://parivesh.nic.in).	The User Agency has deposited Rs.78,840/- (The UTR No. is UBINJ21041583504 , dt: 10.02.2021) towards Net Present Value for the forest land being diverted under this proposal in the TNCAMPA account. No other compensatory levies demand stipulated in Stage-I approval. P.149 ✓
9.	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.	The User Agency has agreed that they will take responsibility for any loss to Flora and Fauna in the surroundings and will take all possible measures to conserve the same. P.150 ✓
10.	The forest land shall not be used for any other purpose other than that specified in the proposal.	The User Agency has agreed that the forest land will not be used for any other purpose other than that specified in the proposal. P.151 ✓
11.	The lease rent should be realized from the User Agency as per G.O.Ms.No.272, E&F (FR.XIII) Dept. dated 15.04.1991 and subsequent changes.	The User Agency has agreed that the lease rent will be paid by them as per G.O.Ms.No.272, E&F (FR.XIII) Dept. dated 15.04.1991 and subsequent changes. P.152 ✓
12.	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Government.	The User Agency has agreed that the layout plan of the proposal will not be changed without prior approval of Government. P.153 ✓
13.	No labour camp shall be established on forest land.	The User Agency has agreed that the no labour camp will be established on forest land. P.154 ✓

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14.	The User Agency shall send renewal proposal one year before expiry of lease period.	The User Agency has agreed that the renewal proposal will be sent one year before expiry of lease period.
15.	The Forest Department may impose any other conditions in the interest of conservation / protection and development of forests.	The User Agency has agreed that they will accept any other conditions in the interest of conservation / protection and development of forests.
16.	The Compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (http:Parivesh.nic.in).	The User Agency has uploaded the compliance report in Parivesh portal on 08.03.2022.

As per the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and the provisions of the said Adhiniyam, the authority to process the above subject proposal is the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Regional Office, Chennai.

Hence, the Compliance report furnished by the User agency along with connected undertakings / documents and report of the Chief Conservator of Forests, Trichy Circle and the District Forest Officer, Pudukkottai are forwarded in the PARIVESH Portal for further action.

I request that the Compliance Report may be forwarded to Government of India, Regional Office, Chennai to accord Stage-II final approval for diversion of 0.12 ha of forest land in Pudukkottai Kasba west RL for providing 0.70 mld water supply to TNSCB housing for all (HFA) project area for 1920 tenements at Narimedu of Pudukkottai District in favour of the Executive Engineer, TWAD Board, Project Division, Pudukkottai for a period of 20 years.

Yours faithfully,

S. Alayan 8/11/25
for Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
(Head of Forest Force)

[Signature]
08/01/25



ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS(FR.10)
DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT,
CHENNAI 9.

Letter No.15269/FR.10/2020-3, Dated: 05.02.2021

From
Dr. Sandeep Saxena, I.A.S.,
Additional Chief Secretary to Government .
To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Department),
Chennai-15.

Sir,

Sub: Forests – Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 - Trichy Circle –
Pudukottai Forest Division – Diversion of 0.12 ha. of forest
land in Pudukkottai Kasba West RF for providing 0.70 mld
water supply to TNSCB housing project area for 1920
tenements at Narimedu of Pudukkottai District in favour of
Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, Pudukkottai –
Government's in principle (Stage-I) approval – Issued –
Regarding.

Ref: 1. Your Letter No.TS4/30910/2020 dated 05.11.2020.
2. Government letter No.15269/FR.10/2020-1, dated
16.11.2020.
3. Your Letter No.TS4/30910/2020 dated 28.11.2020

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With reference to your letters cited, I am directed to convey the Government's in-principle approval (Stage-I) under Section 2 of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.12 ha of Forest land in Pudukottai Kasba West Reserve Forests for providing 0.70 mld water supply to TNSCB housing for all (HFA) project area for 1920 tenements at Narimedu of Pudukkottai District for a period of twenty years, in favour of the Executive Engineer, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, Pudukkottai, under general approval category as per the provisions made in the new hand book of guidelines under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 subject to the following conditions:-

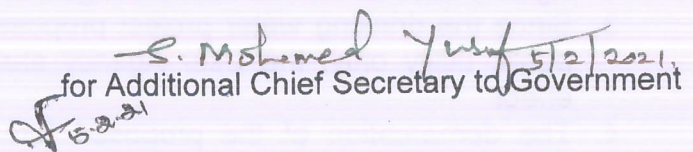
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10. The forest land shall not be used for any other purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
11. The lease rent should be realized from the User Agency as per G.O.Ms.No.272, E&F(FR.XIII) Dept. dated 15.04.1991 and subsequent changes.
12. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Government.
13. No labour camp shall be established on forest land.
14. The User Agency shall send renewal proposal one year before expiry of lease period.
15. The Forest Department may impose any other conditions in the interest of conservation/ protection and development of forests.
16. The Compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<http://Parivesh.nic.in>)

(2) I am also to inform you that only after receipt of the compliance report on the above mentioned conditions, proposal will be considered for final approval and transfer of protected land to user agency shall not be effected prior to the issue of final approval. Further, the in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of five years and in the event of non-compliance of the above conditions, this in-principle approval shall automatically stand revoked after five years

Yours faithfully,


for Additional Chief Secretary to Government
5.2.21

Copy to:

The Executive Engineer,
Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board,
No:5711, Santhanathapuram 2nd Street,
Pudukkottai-622 001.

The Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central),
Government of India,
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change,
Integrated Regional Office(SEZ), 1st and 2nd Floor,
HEPC Building, No.34, Cathedral Garden Road,
Nungambakkam, Chennai-34.

The District Collector,
Pudukottai District.

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

The District Forest Officer,
Pudukottai.

The Conservator of Forests,
Trichy.

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