



ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE & FOREST(FR.10) DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT, CHENNAI 9.

Letter No.18747/FR.10/2022-7, dated: 05.06.2024

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, Nungambakkam, Chennai-600 006. (w.e).

Sir,

Sub: Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 – Proposal (FP/TN/Substation/149440/2021) for diversion of 4.85 ha of forest land in Pillur Slope Reserved Forests of Coimbatore Forest Division for improvement of 230 KV Substation into 400 KV Substation at Parali in Coimbatore District in favour of the Superintending Engineer, General Construction Circle, Tamil Nadu Transmission Corporation Limited (TANTRANSCO), Coimbatore - Regarding.

Ref: 1. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, letter No.TS3/43555/2021, dated 17.11.2022.

2. Government letter No.18747/FR.10/2022-5, dated 25.10.2023.

3. Your letter No.F.No.4-TNB113/2023-CHN/129, dated 24.11.2023.

4. Government letter No.18747/FR.10/2022-6, dated 06.12.2023.

5. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, letter No.TS3/43555/2021, dated 07.05.2024.

I am directed to enclose a copy of the reference fifth cited along with its enclosures, wherein the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest has furnished the compliance report on all conditions stipulated by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India in the In-Principle (stage-I) approval accorded in your letter 3rd cited.

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

Yours faithfully.

for Additional Chief Secretary to Government.

16/2024.

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TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

From

Dr. Sudhanshu Gupta, I.F.S., Principal Chief Conservator of Forests. (Head of Department) Forest Head Quarters Building, Guindy-Velachery Main Road, Guindy, Chennai - 32.

To

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government. Environment, Climate Change and Forests Department. Secretariat, Chennai 9.

C. No. TS3/43555/2021, Dated: 07.05.2024.

Madam.

Sub: Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Diversion of 4.85 ha of forest land in Pillur Slope RF of Coimbatore Forest Division for improvement of 230 KV Substation into 400 KV Substation at Parali in Coimbatore District in favour of the Superintending Engineer, General Construction Circle, Tamil Transmission Corporation Limited (TANTRANSCO), Coimbatore - Stage-I approval accorded by the Government of India – Furnishing compliance report - Reg

1. Online forest clearance proposal uploaded in parivesh portal Ref: under Proposal No. FP/TN/ Substation/149440/2021

- 2. Part-II of Form-A uploaded by the District Forest Officer, Coimbatore Division
- 3. Part-III of Form-A uploaded by the Conservator of Forests and Field Director, Anamalai Tiger Reserve, Coimbatore
- Principal Chief Conservator of Forests ref. No. TS3/43555/2021, dated 17.11.2022 and 18.06.2023
- 5. Government letter No. 18747/FR.10/2022-5, dated 25.10.2023
- 6. Government of India, MoEF&CC, Regional Office, Chennai letter No. 4-TNB113/2023-CHN/1291 dated 24.11.2023

I wish to furnish herewith the Compliance report on Stage I in-Principle approval for diversion of 4.85 ha of forest land in Pillur Slope RFs of Coimbatore Forest Division for improvement of 230 KV Substation into 400 KV Substation at Parali in Coimbatore District in favour of the Superintending Engineer, General Construction Circle, Tamil Nadu Transmission Corporation (TANTRANSCO), Coimbatore as follows.

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Condition	Conditions stipulated by Government of India	Compliance of condition/ reply
No.	The legal status of forest land shall	Legal status of forest land wil
	remain unchanged.	remain unchanged. The user agency has furnished undertaking in this regard.
3	The diverted forest area shall be fenced and 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 the User Agency. The State Forest Department shall carryout Compensatory Afforestation (CA) over 10 ha of degraded forest area identified in Odanthurai RF of Sirumugai Range in Coimbatore Forest Division, at the cost of the User Agency.	The District Forest Officer Coimbatore Division has reported that, the user agency has demarcated the proposed forest area in Pillur RI by erecting 4 feet high cemen concrete pillars at an interval of 20 meters at their cost. As informed by the District Forest Officer, Coimbatore Division, for carrying compensatory afforestation in the identified degraded forest area, an amount of Rs. 75,65,360/has been paid by the user agency of 19.02.2024 by generating chalan if the PARIVESH web portal throug RTGS vide UTR. No CNRBR52024021974173108 and
lene	ndin, MolPECC, Regional Office, Cl. 5 \$2033-c14M1291-8164-81.11.2023	the credit was confirmed in the Parivesh Portal.
4	The degraded forest land identified for CA and the approved CA scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government and the State Forest Department shall ensure that the amount realized from the User Agency towards CA should not be left unspent.	for CA in Odanthurai RF Coimbatore Division and the approved CA scheme will not be changed without prior approval the Central Government.

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	e des bossiques comt commit per com	agency towards raising and
19 200	remario un asimo illo liqui-	maintenance of plantation will be
	the of third a togetheren husen will	fully utilised for the purpose.
5	The State Government shall charge	Net Present Value of the proposed
	the Net Present Value of the diverted	diversion of forest area measuring
	forest land measuring 4.85 ha from the	4.85 ha informed by the District
	User Agency as per the orders of the	Forest Officer, Coimbatore
L. Boll	Hon'ble Supreme Court dated	Division for an amount of
	28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA	Rs. 69,67,850/- has been paid by
	Nos.826 in 566 with related IA's in	the user agency by generating
	Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995 and	challan in the Ministry's website on
	Ministry's guideline No. 5-3/2011-	19.02.2024 through RTGS vide
	FC(Vol-1) dated 06.01.2022 and	UTR. No. CNRBR
	clarification issued vide letter dated	52024021974173108 and the credit
	19.01.2022 and 22.03.2022.	was confirmed in the Parivesh
		Portal.
6	Additional amount of the Net Present	and the time
	Value (NPV) of the diverted forest	
	land if any, becoming due after	Present Value (NPV) of the diverted
Resident 1	revision of the same by the Hon'ble	forest land if any, becoming due
hrm n	Supreme Court of India in future, shall	after revision of the same by the
	be charged by the State Government	Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in
r reits	from the User Agency. The User	future, will be paid by
	Agency shall furnish an undertaking	TANTRANSCO (TNEB), has been
	to this effect.	furnished by the user agency.
7	All the funds received from the User	The user agency has deposited all
	Agency under the project shall be	the funds by generating chalan in
	transferred/ deposited to CAMPA	the Parivesh portal and payment
	fund only through e-portal	made towards specific State
	(https://parivesh.nic.in/).	CAMPA account.

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8	The forest land proposed for diversion	An undertaking by stating that the
	shall under no circumstances be	forest land proposed for diversion
	transferred / sublet to any other	will under no circumstances be
	agency, department or person without	transferred / sublet to any other
PARES	prior approval of the Central	agency, department or person
	Government.	without prior approval of the Central
		Government has been furnished by
		the user agency.
9	The layout plan of the proposal shall	The user agency has furnished an
9	not be changed without the prior	undertaking by stating that the
		layout plan of the proposal will not
362	approval of the Central Government.	be changed without the prior
	THE COMPANY OF THE PARTY OF THE	
		approval of the Central Government.
10	The User Agency shall provide fire	The user agency has furnished an
	wood preferably alternate fuel to	undertaking to this effect.
	labourers working at the site to avoid	
	damage/tree felling.	
11	Disturbance shall be kept minimal by	The user agency has furnished an
	creating labour camps outside the	undertaking by stating that the
	forest area as far as possible and it	Disturbance shall be kept minimal
	will be the responsibility of the User	by creating labour camps outside the
	Agency to ensure that the labourers &	ESTE STORTE TO THE DESTRUCTION OF THE STORTE
	staff engaged in execution of work do	IN STRUCTURE OF THE COLUMN STR
	not destruct nearby forest flora &	TO A TO SEE THE PROPERTY OF TH
		labourers & staff engaged in
	fauna.	execution of work do not destruct
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		togon all salar salars
in card and	The Toron married and Astron	separately enclosed.
12	The User Agency shall obtain prior	Charles He was a feet to the second of the s
	approval of Hon'ble SC of India	TANTRANSCO has obtained

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ition	of India	Compliance of condition/ reply
No.		
	CEC for felling of 116 spontaneous	approval of Hon'ble Supreme Court
	trees and trees shall be felled under	of India on 14.10.2022 under Item
	the strict supervision of DFO	No. 4 for felling of 116 spontaneous
	concerned.	trees by filling an IA at Honourable
		Supreme Court of India on
		18.07.2022 vide 1. A No. 98083 /
		2022 & LA No-HOOOI / 2022 in
		Writ Petition (C) No.202/1995 for
		felling of spontaneous trees and the
		trees will be felled under the strict
		supervision of District Forest
		Officer concerned and Judgement
		copy furnished.
13	The State Forest Department shall	The user agency has furnished an
	ensure to implement proper wildlife	undertaking by stating that the
	mitigation measures as per the field	TANTRANSCO will deposit as
	requirement at the cost of the User	soon as the amount approved by The
	Agency.	Principle Chief Conservator of
,		Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden.
		Chennai for implementing Wildlife
		Mitigation Measures.
		The Principal Chief Conservator
		of Forest and Chief Wildlife
		Warden, Chennai has approved
		wildlife mitigation measures in Ref.
		No. WL5/4868/2024, dated
00.000000000000000000000000000000000000		26.03.2024 for Rs. 12.75 lakhs and
Oli (managana) (A)		the user agency has deposited the
Contraction of the Contraction o		amount in CAMPA account by
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IVO.		on 28.03.2024 and the credit was
100 A		confirmed in the Parivesh Portal.
14	The forest area proposed for diversion	The Forest land at SF No. 461,
	is a RF area which was already leased	Nellithurai Village to an extent of
W1000000000000000000000000000000000000	out to Tamil Nadu Electricity Board	55.0 Ha including 4.85 Ha land now
	prior to 1961 and it was also reported	proposed for diversion was already
	that, project area consists of unutilized	transferred / leased out to TNEB for
	and damaged Staff quarters belonging	"Parali Camp" during establishment
	to Tamil Nadu Electricity Board. In	of Kundah Power House III Prior to
	this connection, validity of the lease	1961.
	period and extent of the lease granted	Out of 55.0 Ha land, the
	and its current and actual area of	unutilized land to an extent of
	utilization may be informed and	0.90 Ha was returned back to Forest
	renewal of lease required if any under	Department on 05.08.2014. The
	FCA, 1980 shall be ascertained and	balance, land of 54.10 Ha is being
	State Government shall initiate	used by TNEB and in which the
99999999	necessary action in this regard.	existing 230 KV substation was
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2000		proposed to be improved into
277777777		400 KV SS by dismantling the
inversed to one opposite		damaged old quarters.
		As the said land was diverted
The second second		during 1961 and now under the
000000000000000000000000000000000000000		occupation of TNEB before
page of the state		enactment of Forest Conservation
endem var jugadojaje		Act 1980, the regularization /
es in applying an application		renewal of lease is being under
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Objection of the Annual Control of the Annua		meeting between The Principle
		Secretary / Forest Department and

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		The Chairman cum Managing
		Director / TNEB in co-ordination
		with the Energy Department under
		the Chairmanship of the Chief
		Secretary to Government of Tamil
		Nadu.
	dense selou autou ed	Fresh lease agreement for the
		proposed diversion of 4.85 ha will
		be made for a period of 20 years
		from the date of receipt of diversion
		order.
	Secretary to Constances	The District Forest Officer,
		Coimbatore Division has reported
MOHA!		that, as per G.O Ms No. 2974
. (db)		Agriculture Department, dated
		21.10.1967, an area of 6200 acres of
		forest land was placed at the
ImZ	illing somiringon of his	disposal of Tamil Nadu Electricity
		Board for execution of Kundha
		Electric Scheme III and IV stage
		both in Nilgiris and Coimbatore
		Districts. Out of this, an extent of
		824.561 acres of forest land made
		available in Coimbatore Division of
		Coimbatore District. Based on the
		above, Pillur dam was constructed
		for Hydro Electric Project during
	2017 (0 1201 - 2017)	1961 to 1967.
	remark an object the	An extent of 813.864 acres of
	Arti Ushehiring Albert hije j	land is under the use of Tamil Nadu
	More and the medicular residence of the second	Electricity Board.

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No. 15	As reported, user agency has not paid	The user agency has reported that,
13	lease rent which needs to be settled	settlement of pending lease rent for
		the forest lands transferred to TNEB
	among the Departments as per the	for execution of Hydro Electric
	procedure laid in the local State Act/	
	rules / regulation etc.	Project prior to enactment of Forest
		Conservation Act 1980, the proposal
		for arriving policy decision as per
		the procedure laid down in the local
	De helicop is not alsom see	State Act/ rules/ regulation, is under
NACO JA	cle I pom in orbinali men	processing among the Departments
		under the Chairmanship of the Chief
	1571610 54H	Secretary to Government of Tamil
- Paring		Nadu. The Proposal is now under
	4 M. C.D. eq. (8 - 102)	processing at Energy Department /
i num	morthaspi i molimus	Government of Tamil Nadu. On
	1056 to ename torrest. No. 45	receipt of the Government decision
	books now best teach	the pending lease rent will be settled
Locks	Label Jimil to Issopilia	in accordance with State
	to manage to be audit	Government order.
		The District Forest Officer,
	10 his cincle? all died	Coimbatore Division has reported
HEORE AND A	Districts Out of this, an	that, demand letter for the lease rent
Shirt Division		for a period from 01.04.1961 to
		31.03.2023 has been sent to the
		Chief Engineer (Hydro), Tamil
	resource mile with section	Nadu Electricity Board, Chennai
	and ansil obsil toll	vide his office Ref. No.
	ralls on law	12177/2000/D2, dated 12.10.2023
		and lastly reminded on 26.02.2024
	Part in Sen Sen Dulin et omi	for collection of lease rent. Action is
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ow di	Colombia on Smiles by Arriva and Colombia by Arriva and Colombia on the Colombia of the Colomb	being perused by the Forest Department for collection of pending lease rent form the Tamil
enticki	muscles out to a serious	Nadu Electricity Board.
16	The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 4.85 ha and	The user agency has furnished an undertaking by stating that the total
	the forest area diverted shall not be	forest area utilized for the project
	used for any purpose other than those	will not exceed 4.85 ha and the
	shown in the diversion proposal.	forest area diverted will not be used
		for any purpose other than those
	but catego est la nome considerno a	shown in the diversion proposal.
17	The User Agency and the State	The user agency has furnished an
	Government shall ensure compliance	undertaking by stating that the
	to provisions of the all Acts, Rules,	TANTRANSCO will ensure
	Regulations and Guidelines, for the	compliance to provisions of the all
	time being in force, as applicable to	acts, rules, Regulations and
	the transmission line projects.	Guidelines, for the time being in
		force, as applicable to the project
18	Any other conditions that the Central	The user agency has furnished an
	Government or DDG (Central) of	undertaking by stating that the any
	Regional Office, Chennai may impose	other conditions that the Central
	from time to time in the interest of	Government or DDG (Central) of
	afforestation, conservation and	Regional Office, Chennai may
	management of flora and fauna in the	impose from time to time in the
	area, shall be complied by the User	interest of afforestation,
	Agency.	conservation and management of
		flora and fauna in the area, will be
		complied by the TANTRANSCO.
19	In the event of failure to comply with	The user agency has furnished an
	any of the above conditions the User	undertaking by stating that, in the

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	Agency liable is liable for penal action	event of failure to comply with any
D 11	as per the rules / guidelines issued	of the above conditions the
	under FCA, 1980.	TANTRANSCO is liable for penal
	based analysis days	action as per the rules/guidelines
a Louis		issued under FCA, 1980.
20	The State Government shall process	Compliance report has been
	and submit compliance report on the	uploaded in the web portal.
Mar Dim	above conditions through online	
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Further, I wish to state that the compliance report of user agency and District Forest Officer, Coimbatore Division along with documents, undertakings uploaded in the parivesh portal.

I request that the compliance report may kindly be forwarded to the Government of India, MoEF&CC, Regional Office, Chennai for issue of Stage-II final approval early.

Yours faithfully

For Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Department)

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