

Letter No.19498/FR.10/2023-5, dated: 21.10.2024

From
Dr. P. Senthilkumar, I.A.S.,
Principal 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-6. (w.e).

Sir,

Sub: Forests – Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan), 1980 –
Proposal (FP/TN/Trans/150320/2021) for diversion of 4.27 ha of
forest land in Social Forestry plantation area in Othivakkam for
erection of 230 KV DC line on MC tower by making LILO of
existing Ottiyambakkam to Omega feeder 2 at the proposed
Mambakkam 230/110 KV substation in Chengalpattu District in
favour of the Executive Engineer, Tamil Nadu Transmission
Corporation Limited, General Construction Circle II, 230 KV GIS
SS Tamil Nadu Electricity Board, Alandur, Chennai – Stage-I
approval accorded - Compliance Report – Forwarding of – Final
approval – Requested - Regarding.

- Ref: 1. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, letter
No.TS3/45980/2021, dated 23.12.2022.
2. Government letter No.19498/FR.10/2022-1, dated
23.03.2023.
3. Your letter F.No.4-TNB100/2023-CHN/1214, dated
06.11.2023.
4. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, letter
No.TS3/45980/2021, dated 30.09.2024.

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I am directed to enclose a copy of the reference fourth cited along with its
enclosures, wherein the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) has furnished
the compliance report on all the conditions stipulated in the In-principle (Stage-I)
approval accorded in your letter third cited.

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

Yours faithfully,

A. Malathy
21/10/24

for Principal Secretary to Government

21/10/2024

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To

Dr. Sudhanshu Gupta, I.F.S.,
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force).
Forest Head Quarters Building,
Guindy-Velachery Main Road,
Guindy, Chennai - 600 032.

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

C. No. TS3/45980/2021 Dated: 30.09.2024.

Sir,

Sub: Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Diversion of 4.27 ha of forest land in Social Forestry plantation area in Othivakkam for erection of 230 kv DC line on MC tower by making LILO of existing Ottiyambakkam to Omega feeder 2 at the proposed Mambakkam 230/110 kv Substation in Chengalpattu District - Stage-I approval accorded by the Government of India - Compliance report furnishing off - Regarding

- Ref: 1 Online forest clearance proposal uploaded by the Executive Engineer, TANTRANSCO, General Construction Circle II, 230 kv GIS SS TNEB, Alandur, Chennai 16 - Proposal No. FP/TN/Trans/150320/2021
- 2 Part-II of Form-A uploaded by the District Forest Officer, Kancheepuram Division
- 3 Part-III of Form-A uploaded by the Conservator of Forests, Chennai Circle
- 4 Principal Chief Conservator of Forests letter No. TS3/45980/2021 dated 23.12.2022, 12.07.2023
- 5 Government letter No. 19498/FR.10/2022-1 dated 23.03.2023, 02.09.2023
- 6 Government of India, MoEF&CC, IRO Chennai letter No. 4-TNB100/2023/CHN/1214, dated 06.11.2023

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With reference to the letters cited, the Compliance report on the conditions stipulated in Stage I in-Principle approval for diversion of 4.27 ha of forest land in Social Forestry plantation area in Othivakkam for erection of 230 kv DC line on MC tower by making LILO of existing Ottiyambakkam to Omega feeder 2 at the proposed Mambakkam 230/110 kv Substation in Chengalpattu District in favour of Executive Engineer, TANTRANSCO, General Construction Circle II, Alandur, Chennai is furnished as below.

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Condition No.	Conditions stipulated by Government of India	Compliance of condition/ reply
i	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.	Legal status of forest land will remain unchanged
ii	Demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at the appropriate distance as decided by the DFO concerned at the cost of User Agency.	The user agency has agreed to comply with this condition and furnished an undertaking - PP 1419
iii	The State Forest Department shall carryout Compensatory Afforestation over 8.52 ha of Degraded Forest Land identified in in Kolathur RF at the cost of the User Agency.	An amount of Rs. 1,68,95,173/- towards CA scheme has been transferred to State CAMPA account by the user agency on 25.06.2024. On approval of Forest clearance proposal by the Government of India and approval of Annual Plan of Operation (APO) of State CAMPA, compensatory afforestation will be carried out in the identified CA area. - PP 1494
iv	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 Government;
v	The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest area measuring 4.27 ha 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 WP (C) No. 202/1995 and Ministry's guidelines No. 5-3/2011-FC(Vol-I) dated 06.01.2022 and clarification issued vide letter dated 19.01.2022 and 22.03.2022.	Net Present Value of the proposed diversion of forest area measuring 4.27 ha calculated as per the orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court and an amount of Rs. 28,61,498/- has been deposited by the user agency by generating challan in the Ministry's website on 25.06.2024. - PP 1494
vi	Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect. The same - PP 1454

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	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.	is uploaded by the user agency in the web portal.
vii	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/).	<p>User agency has generated chalan in the Ministry's web portal and payment made towards specific State CAMPA account. A copy of consolidated amount credit remittance chalan is enclosed.</p> <p>Total deposit by the user agency is Rs. 2,08,83,695/-</p> <p>a) NPV – Rs. 28,61,498/-</p> <p>b) CA – Rs. 1,68,95,173/-</p> <p>c) Dwarf plants – Rs. 11,27,024/-</p> <p>Total - Rs 2,08,83,695/-</p>
viii	The State Forest Department shall raise and maintain plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) as per the proposed scheme in the right of way under the transmission line at the project cost.	<p>For raising dwarf species under the transmission line, an amount of Rs. 11,27,024/- has been remitted by the user agency based on the cost estimate approved by the circle Conservator of Forests by generating challan in the Ministry's website on 25.06.2024.</p> <p>On approval of Forest clearance proposal by the Government of India and approval of Annual Plan of Operation (APO) of State CAMPA, this work will be carried out under the diverted transmission line path.</p>
ix	The User Agency at its cost shall provide bird deflectors, which are to be fixed on the upper conductor of the	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect.

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	transmission line at suitable intervals to avoid bird hits.	
x	No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for the transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect.
xi	Future pollarding / pruning of trees will be done with the permission of the local forest officer wherever necessary for the maintenance of the transmission lines.	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect.
xii	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.
xiii	Disturbance shall be kept minimal by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it will be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the machinery, labourers & staff engaged in execution of work shall not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna.	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect.
xiv	Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel shall be provided by the user agency to the labourers after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.	The user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect.
xv	Tree felling shall be carried out in the diverted forest area under the strict supervision of DFO concerned and no trees of spontaneous origin shall be felled.	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect.

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xvi	Width of ROW shall be maintained as per the standard specification as per the Ministry's guidelines and additional forest area shall not be utilized beyond 4.27 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. PP/4809
xvii	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.
xviii	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.
xix	Any other conditions that the Central Government or DDG(Central) of the Regional Office, 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.
xx	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.

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xxi	The State Government shall process and submit compliance report on the above conditions through online (https://parivesh.nic.in).	Compliance report has been uploaded by the user agency in the web portal.

Compliance report furnished by the User agency along with connected undertakings/ documents and report of Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai Circle is enclosed and uploaded in parivesh portal.

I request that compliance report may be considered and Government of India may be addressed for the issue of Stage - II final approval of Government of India for the diversion of 4.27 ha of forest land in Social Forestry plantation area in Othivakkam for erection of 230 kv DC line on MC tower by making LILO of existing Ottiyambakkam to Omega feeder 2 at the proposed Mambakkam 230/110 kv Substation in Chengalpattu District in favour of the Executive Engineer, TANTRANSO, General Construction Circle II, Alandur, Chennai for a period of 20 years

Encl.: As stated above.

Yours faithfully

S. Alayar 20/9/24
For Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)

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