



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

Letter No.15268/FR.10/2020-2 , Dated.29.01.2021

From
Dr. Sandeep Saxena, I.A.S.,
Additional Chief Secretary to Government

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

Sir,

Sub: Forests – Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Dindigul Circle / Karur Forest Division – Proposal for diversion of 0.1756 ha. of forest land for providing water supply to 274 rural habitations in over exploited blocks of Thanthoni union in Karur District in favour of the Executive Engineer, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, Karur – Government's in principle (Stage-1) approval – Issued – Regarding.

Ref: 1. Your letter No.TS4/49630/2019, dated 27.10.2020.
2. Government letter No.15269/FR.10/2020-1, dated 16.11.2020.
3. Your Letter No.TS4/49630/2020 dated 28.11.2020.

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With reference to your letters cited, I am directed to convey the Government's in principal approval (Stage-I) under Section 2 of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.1756 ha. of forest land in Mayanur Reserve Forest for providing water supply to 274 rural habitations in over exploited blocks of Thanthoni union in Karur District in favour of Executive Engineer, TWAD Board, Karur for a period of 20 years, subject to the following conditions:-

1. The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged and shall remain as Reserved Forests.
2. 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.
3. The User Agency shall pay the Net present value of the diverted forest area at the rates stipulated by the Ministry of Environment and Forests 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.
4. The Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forestland 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.

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5. All the funds should be remitted by the User Agency into CAMPA fund only by generating challan through e-portal.
6. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Government.
7. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
8. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
9. The User Agency has to pay the cost of raising Compensatory Afforestation and maintenance of plantation, Protection of plantation etc. if any demanded by the Forest Department in future.
10. 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.
11. The forest land shall not be used for any other purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
12. 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.
13. Period of lease is twenty years. The User Agency has to apply renewal proposal before 6 months of expiry of lease with the State Forest Department.
14. The Compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).
15. Any other conditions may impose by the Forest Department in the interest of conservation / protection and development of Forests.

2. I am also to inform you that only after receipt of the compliance report on above mentioned conditions, the 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, this in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 5 years and in the event of non compliance of the above conditions, this in-principle approval shall automatically stand revoked after 5 years.

Yours faithfully,

S. Mohamed Yusuf 2/2/2021.
for Additional Chief Secretary to Government

Copy to:

1. The Executive Engineer,
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2. The Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central),
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3. The District Collector,
Karur.
4. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA),
Chennai-15.
5. The District Forest Officer,
Karur Forest Division, Karur.
6. The Chief Conservator of Forests,
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