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To

The Principal Secretary to the Government of Tamil Nadu,
Environment & Forests Department,
Secretariat, Fort St. George,
Chennai - 600 009.

Subject: Diversion of 22.11 ha of forest land in Tamaraiuppam (7.71ha), Senjiagaram (7.18ha) & Palavakkam (7.22 ha) Reserved Forests of Tiruvallur Forest Division for formation of off take canal at 2200m of Kandalueru -Poondi Canal for formation of a new reservoir near Kannankottai & Thervai Kandigai villages in Gummidipoondi Taluk in Tiruvallur District in favour of Executive Engineer, PWD, Thervai Kandigai Reservoir Project Division , WRD, Chennai.

Sir,

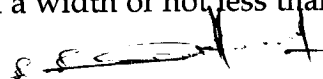
Please refer to the State Government's letter Nos .6246/FR.10/2014-2/2014 dated 21.04.2015 seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section'2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above mentioned project.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am hereby directed to convey Central Government's in-principle (*Stage-I*) approval under Section'2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Diversion of 22.11 ha of forest land in Tamaraiuppam (7.71 ha), Senjiagaram (7.18 ha) & Palavakkam (7.22 ha) Reserved Forests of Tiruvallur Forest Division for formation of off take canal at 2200m of Kandalueru -Poondi Canal for formation of a new reservoir near Kannankottai & Thervai Kandigai villages in Gummidipoondi Taluk in Tiruvallur District in favour of Executive Engineer, PWD, Thervai Kandigai Reservoir Project Division , WRD, Chennai, subject to the following conditions:-

1. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
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 meters at the cost of User Agency before stage II approval.

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3. The entire identified land over 44.22 ha for Compensatory Afforestation in three villages viz. Mambakkam of Tirutani taluk, Nedugal and Kakkalur of Pallipattu Taluk shall be transferred and mutated in favour of Forest Department before issue of stage-II approval.
4. The cost of raising Compensatory Afforestation (CA) over 44.22 ha of identified land shall be deposited by User Agency.
5. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
6. User agency shall provide firewood preferably alternate fuel to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the adjacent forest areas.
7. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring 22.11 ha from 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.
8. Additional amount of 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 User Agency. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
9. The funds from User Agency towards Compensatory Afforestation and Net Present Value under the project shall be deposited either in SB A/c No. **SB01025227-CAF Tamil Nadu, Corporation Bank, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003 (RTGS/IFSC No. CORP0000371)** or in SB A/c No. **344902010105 433- TAMIL NADU CAMPA, Union Bank of India, Sundar Nagar, New Delhi-110003 (RTGS/IFSC No.UBIN0534498)**. The details of deposition of funds including, *inter-alia* the DD Numbers & Date, Amount, the Bank on which drawn and the date of deposition in the designated Bank shall also be furnished.
10. Land for Compensatory Afforestation shall be notified by the State Government as RF/PF under Indian Forest Act, 1927 or the State Forest Act within six months of transfer to the forest department and Nodal Officer (FCA) shall report the compliance.
11. The UA will provide a crossover between 1000-1300 meter chainage across the canal to facilitate free movement of animals with a width of not less than 10 mts.



Near to this cross over, a water hole of minimum 50 mts diameter will be created by the user agency.

12. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to the effect that it shall not object to the use of canal water by the Forest department for raising forest nursery and management of wildlife in the area.
13. The User Agency has to pay the cost towards annual lease rent as fixed by the State Forest Department, Tamil Nadu at the time of sanction along with any escalation cost for the forest land to be diverted for the above project in future.
14. On the left bank of the canal one row of avenue trees and on the right side, on the spoil bank, strip plantation will be under taken at the cost of User Agency.
15. Felling of trees of spontaneous origin or artificially grown shall not be carried out. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
16. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 22.11 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
17. 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
18. Any other conditions that the Central Government or Addl. PCCF(Central) of 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.

After receipt of the compliance report on above mentioned conditions, the proposal will be considered for final approval. Transfer of forest land to User Agency shall not be effected prior to the issue of final approval. This in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 5 years. In the event of noncompliance of the above conditions, this in-principle approval shall automatically stand revoked after 5 years.

Yours faithfully,



(Dr.K.Ganesh Kumar)

Deputy Conservator of Forests (Central)

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1. The Director General of Forests & Special Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road, Lodhi Colony, New Delhi - 110 003.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Forest Department, No.1, Jeenis Road, Panagal Building, Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015.
3. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Forest Department, No.1, Jeenis Road, Panagal Building, Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015.
- ✓ 4. The Director, RO(HQ) Division, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road, Lodhi Colony, New Delhi - 110 003.
5. The Executive Engineer, PWD, Thervai Kandigai Reservoir Project Division, WRD, Chennai
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