



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

Letter No.8984/FR.10/2019-2, Dated. 28.01.2020

From
Thiru. Shambu Kallollikar, I.A.S.,
Principal Secretary to Government.

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Department),
Chennai-15.

Sir,

Sub: Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Trichy Circle – Trichy Division - Proposal for diversion of 0.83916 ha. (now revised to 0.49884 ha) of forest land for the use of drinking water to 135 habitations in Trichy District – In favour of the Assistant Engineer, RWS, TWAD Board, Trichy -Regarding.

Ref: From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests letter No.TS4/40477/2018, dated 24.05.2019.

With reference to your letter 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 0.141596 ha of forest land for laying pipe line for drinking water to 135 habitations in Vaiyampatty and Marungapuri Unions of Trichy District in favour of Assistant Engineer, RWS, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, Trichy under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for a period of 20 years subject to the following conditions:-

- i. The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged and remain as Reserved Forests.
- ii. Felling of trees of spontaneous origin shall not be carried out.
- iii. 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.
- iv. 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 IA in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995.

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- v. 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 the effect.
- vi. 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.
- vii. 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.
- viii. The forest land shall not be used for any other purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
- ix. 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.
- x. 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.
- xi. The District Forest Officer may impose any other condition 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 this in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 5 years. Further 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 28/1/2020
for Principal Secretary to Government

Copy to:

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The District Collector, Trichy.
The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA),
Chennai-15.
The District Forest Officer, Trichy.
The Chief Conservator of Forests, Trichy.