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To,

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

**Subject: Diversion of 0.90 ha of forest land in Pennaiyar RF in Tiruvannamalai Forest Division area for construction of fuse plug pertaining to Thandarampattu Taluk of Tiruvannamalai District for discharge of heavy floods from Sathanur Reservoir in Tiruvannamalai District in favour of Assistant Executive Engineer, PWD, Sathanur Dam, Tiruvannamalai District.- Reg.**

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No.14151/FR.10/2022-1 dated 30.09.2022 & 24.08.2023 and online application No. FP/TN/IRRIG/118339/2021, seeking prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of forest land in accordance with Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above mentioned project.

After careful consideration of the proposal submitted by the State Government, I am directed to convey the Central Government's in-principle approval (**Stage-I**) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of **0.90 ha** of forest land in Pennaiyar RF in Tiruvannamalai Forest Division area for construction of fuse plug pertaining to Thandarampattu Taluk of Tiruvannamalai District for discharge of heavy floods from Sathanur Reservoir in Tiruvannamalai District in favour of Assistant Executive Engineer, PWD, Sathanur Dam, Tiruvannamalai District **for a period of 25 years**, subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- (ii) 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;