



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

Letter No. 10112/FR.10/2020-1, Dated: 28.09.2020

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

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

Sir,

Sub: Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Chennai Forest Circle/
Kancheepuram Forest Division - Proposal for diversion of 0.096 ha
of forest land in Sonalur Reserved Forest area in Mambakkam
village of Chengalpattu-Kancheepuram Forest Division for laying of
33Kv 1x630sqmm XLPE UG cable from Mambakkam 110 Kv SS to
Pudhupakkam 33Kv SS in Kancheepuram District in favour of the
Executive Engineer, Chennai Development Circle, TANGEDCO,
Thiru-Vi-Ka-Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai.32 - Regarding.

Ref: Your letter No.TS3/48986/2018, dated 19.08.2020.

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With reference to your letter cited, I am directed to convey the State Government's in-principle approval (**Stage-I**) under Section 2 of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 for the 0.096 ha of forest land in Sonalur Reserved Forest area in Mambakkam village of Chengalpattu-Kancheepuram Forest Division for laying of 33Kv 1x630sqmm XLPE UG cable from Mambakkam 110 Kv SS to Pudhupakkam 33Kv SS in Kancheepuram District in favour of the Executive Engineer, Chennai Development Circle, TANGEDCO, Thiru-Vi-Ka-Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-32 for a period of 30 years under general approval category as per the provisions made in the new hand book of guidelines under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for laying underground electric cable subject to the following conditions:-

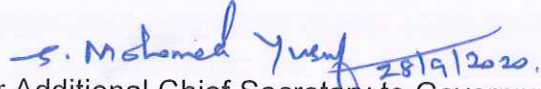
- a) The legal status of the diverted forest land (0.096 ha) remains unchanged.
- b) The demarcation of the proposed forest land shall be carried out by the User Agency by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at their cost.
- c) The User Agency has to pay the Compensatory Afforestation scheme cost for 0.192 ha of forest land in Sonalur RF area.
- d) The User Agency has to pay the amount of Net Present Value which will be fixed as per the guidelines of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
- e) The User Agency has to bear the additional amount of Net Present Value which will be fixed as per the guidelines of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India as fixed by Forest Department in future.

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- f) The user agency shall compulsorily transfer the Compensatory Afforestation scheme cost and Net present Value of forest land proposed for diversion under the project to CAMPA funds only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>)
- g) The User Agency has to pay the cost towards lease rent for the forest area diversion period as fixed by the Forest Department at the time of sanction along with any escalation for the forest land to be diverted of the above project in future for the entire project period.
- h) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceeds 0.096 ha comprising underground cable to a length of 1600m width of 0.60m and depth of 1.20m on the southern side along the existing boundary of Sonalur RF and after completion of underground laying UG cable, area should be restored to its normalcy.
- i) Period of lease will be thirty (30) years. The User Agency has to apply renewal proposal before one year of expiry of lease with the State Forest Department in case the User Agency wants to extend the lease.
- j) 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 the 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 from the date of issue of this letter. Further, in the event of non-compliance of the above conditions, this in-principle approval shall automatically be revoked as per Rules made under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Yours faithfully,


for Additional Chief Secretary to Government

Copy to:-

The Executive Engineer,
Chennai Development Circle, TANGEDCO,
Thiru-Vi-Ka-Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai.32
The Additional Director General of Forests (Central),
Government of India,
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change,
Regional Office (South Eastern Zone),
1st and 2nd Floor, HEPC Building,
No.34, Cathedral Garden Road,
Nungambakkam, Chennai-600 034.
The District Collector, Kancheepuram.
The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA),
O/o. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai-15.
The District Forest Officer,
Kancheepuram Division Kancheepuram.
The Chief Conservator of Forests,
Chennai Circle, Chennai -6.
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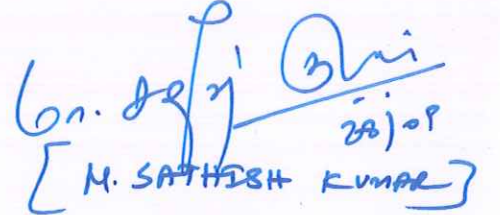
(To be filled in by the Secretary in charge of Forest Department or by any other authorized officer of the State Government not below the rank of an Under Secretary)

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18. Recommendation of the State Government

(Adverse comments made by any officer or authority in Part-B or Part – C or Part – D above should be specifically commented upon)

- Recommended -


[M. SATHISH KUMAR]

Signature

Name & Designation
(Official Seal)

Date : 28.09.2020

Place : Chennai-9.

Under Secretary to Government.
Environment and Forests Department
Secretariat, Chennai-9

