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Dated 08th January, 2015

To

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

Subject: Diversion of 0.01 ha of Forest land in Valkaradu Reserved Forest in Theni Division in Theni District for laying 200 mm dia Sewer line for 90 m length in favour of the Commissioner Theni- Allinagaram Municipality, Theni for 30 years

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter Nos .9959/FR.10/2015-3 dated 30.12.2015 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 0.01 ha of Forest land in Valkaradu Reserved Forest in Theni Division in Theni District for laying 200 mm dia Sewer line for 90 m length in favour of the Commissioner Theni- Allinagaram Municipality, Theni for 30 years, 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.
3. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring 0.01 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.

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4. 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.
5. 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 User Agency shall generate Challan from the Ministry's online web portal to deposit the amount towards compensatory levies.**
6. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
7. User Agency shall undertake soil conservation measures around the forest area proposed for diversion at the project cost.
8. 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.
9. Felling of trees of spontaneous origin or artificially grown shall not be carried out. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
10. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.01 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.
11. 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 such project
12. 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.



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13. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the user agency is liable to pay penalty as decided by the Additional PCCF (Central), Regional Office, Chennai.

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, Aliganj, 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, Aliganj, New Delhi - 110 003.
5. The Commissioner, Theni Allinagaram Municipality, Theni, Tamil Nadu
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