



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

Letter No.15269/FR.10/2020-3, Dated: 05.02.2021

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: Forests – Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 - Trichy Circle –
Pudukottai Forest Division – Diversion of 0.12 ha. of forest
land in Pudukkottai Kasba West RF for providing 0.70 mld
water supply to TNSCB housing project area for 1920
tenements at Narimedu of Pudukkottai District in favour of
Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, Pudukkottai –
Government's in principle (Stage-I) approval – Issued –
Regarding.

Ref: 1. Your Letter No.TS4/30910/2020 dated 05.11.2020.
2. Government letter No.15269/FR.10/2020-1, dated
16.11.2020.
3. Your Letter No.TS4/30910/2020 dated 28.11.2020

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With reference to your letters cited, I am directed to convey the Government's in-principle approval (Stage-I) under Section 2 of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.12 ha of Forest land in Pudukkottai Kasba West Reserve Forests for providing 0.70 mld water supply to TNSCB housing for all (HFA) project area for 1920 tenements at Narimedu of Pudukkottai District for a period of twenty years, in favour of the Executive Engineer, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, Pudukkottai, under general approval category as per the provisions made in the new hand book of guidelines under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 subject to the following conditions:-


1. The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged and shall remain as Reserved Forests.
2. Felling of trees of spontaneous origin shall not be carried out. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
3. Since the drinking water project proposed by the User Agency is for the public utility only, the User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
4. 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.

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5. The User Agency shall pay the Net present value of the diverted forest area at the rates stipulated by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change 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 IAs in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995.
6. The Additional amount of the 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 the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to the effect.
7. 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.
8. All the funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred / deposited to respective State CAMPA fund only through the chalan generated in the web portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in>).
9. 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.
10. The forest land shall not be used for any other purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
11. 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.
12. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Government.
13. No labour camp shall be established on forest land.
14. The User Agency shall send renewal proposal one year before expiry of lease period.
15. The Forest Department may impose any other conditions in the interest of conservation/ protection and development of forests.
16. The Compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<http://Parivesh.nic.in>)

(2) I am also to inform you that only after receipt of the compliance report on the above mentioned conditions, proposal will be considered for final approval and transfer of protected land to user agency shall not be effected prior to the issue of final approval. Further, the in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of five years and in the event of non-compliance of the above conditions, this in-principle approval shall automatically stand revoked after five years

Yours faithfully,


for Additional Chief Secretary to Government
15.2.21

Copy to:

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The Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central),
Government of India,
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change,
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The District Collector,
Pudukottai District.

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA),
Chennai-15.

The District Forest Officer,
Pudukottai.

The Conservator of Forests,
Trichy.

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