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Date; 13th March, 2024

To,

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

Subject: Diversion of 0.186 ha of forest land in Villpuram Forest Division comprising T.Edaiyar Reserved Forest (0.049 ha), Thiruvonnainallur Reserved Forest (0.034 ha), Iruvelpattu Reserved Forest (0.103 ha) of Ulundurpet Range at 12 locations for construction and reconstruction of dilapidated head sluice, bed dam, retaining wall and culvert in Malattar Channel across Malattar River bed forest area for supplying water to Tirukoilur and Ulundurpet Taluk tanks in Villupuram District in favour of the Executive Engineer, WRD Lower Pennaiyar Basin Division, Villupuram District-reg.

Madam,

Please refer to the State Government's letters No.6118/FR.10/2023-3 dated 13.02.2024 and online proposal No.FP/TN/IRRIG/51078/2020, seeking prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of forest land in accordance with Section 2 (1) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for the above mentioned project.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am directed to convey the Central Government's in-principle approval under 2 (1) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of **0.186 ha.** of forest land in Villpuram Forest Division comprising T.Edaiyar Reserved Forest (0.049 ha), Thiruvonnainallur Reserved Forest (0.034 ha), Iruvelpattu Reserved Forest (0.103 ha) of Ulundurpet Range at 12 locations for construction and reconstruction of dilapidated head sluice, bed dam, retaining wall and culvert in Malattar Channel across Malattar River bed forest area for supplying water to Tirukoilur and Ulundurpet Taluk tanks in Villupuram District in favour of the Executive Engineer, WRD Lower Pennaiyar Basin Division, Villupuram District, 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;
- (iii) Cost of raising of 100 seedlings (including its maintenance) shall be realized from user agency towards compensatory afforestation;
- (iv) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring **0.186 ha** from the 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 and Ministry's guideline No. 5-3/2011-FC(Vol-I) dated 06.01.2022;
- (v) 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 this effect;
- (vi) All the funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>) ;
- (vii) The State Government shall ensure settlement of rights under the scheduled tribes and other Traditional forest dwellers (Recognition of forest rights) Acts 2006;
- (viii) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- (ix) No additional or new paths will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
- (x) The User Agency shall provide firewood preferably alternate fuel to labourers working at the site to avoid damage/tree felling and no labour camp shall be established inside the forest area;
- (xi) Disturbance shall be kept minimum by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it shall be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the labourers& staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna;

- (xii) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **0.186 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;
- (xiii) The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;
- (xiv) The user agency shall comply with all the provisions of all the Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;
- (xv) Any other conditions that the Central Government or 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;
- (xvi) The State Government shall process and submit compliance report on the above conditions through online (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>);
- (xvii) Non compliance of any of these conditions will amounts to violation under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed under the Act, Rules and Guidelines relevant.

After receipt of compliance report on fulfillment of the conditions mentioned above, the proposal shall be considered for final approval under Section-2 (1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adihiniyam 1980.

Further, it may also be noted that this in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 2 years from the date of issue of this letter. In the event of non-compliance of the above conditions within 2 years, the in-principle approval shall be deemed to be null and void.

Yours faithfully,
Signed by Karthikeyan
Karupiah

Date: 13-03-2024 12:09:40

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Sd/-
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