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Letter No.1769/FR.10/2022-1, Dated: 07.03.2022

From
Tmt. Supriya Sahu, IAS.,
Additional Chief Secretary to Government.

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

Sir,

Sub: Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - – Villupuram Circle /
Cuddalore Forest Division - Diversion of 0.12 ha of forest
land in Karmangudi RF along the admitted right of way
road for laying of water supply pipeline Combined Water
Supply Scheme to Tittakudi, Pennadam, Mangalampettai,
Gangaikondan, Vadalur and Kurinchipadi Town
Panchayats and 625 rural habitations in Virudhachalam,
Nallur Mangalore union in Cuddalore District in favour of
Executive Engineer, TWAD Board, Project Division,
Cuddalore – State Government's in principle approval
(Stage-I) accorded - Regarding.

Ref: Your letter No. TS3/23613/2021, dated 28.01.2022.

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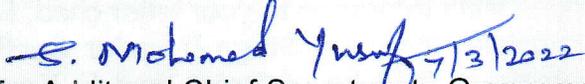
With reference to your letter cited, I am directed to convey the State Government's in-principle approval (**Stage-I**) under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.12 ha of forest land in Karmangudi Reserved Forest along the admitted right of way road for Combined Water Supply Scheme to Tittakudi, Pennadam, Mangalampettai, Gangaikondan, Vadalur and Kurinchipadi Town Panchayats and 625 rural habitations in Virudhachalam, Nallur Mangalore union in Cuddalore District in favour of Executive Engineer, TWAD Board, Project Division, Cuddalore for a period of 25 years under general approval category as per the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Critical development initiatives for public utility, subject to the following conditions:-

- a) The legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain 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 amount of Net Present Value which will be fixed as per the guidelines of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

- d) 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.
- e) Amount of Net Present Value of forest area under the project shall be transferred / deposited to Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority fund only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).
- f) The User Agency has to pay the cost towards annual lease rent 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.
- g) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.12 ha comprising water supply pipeline to a length of 1500m and width is 0.80m and after completion of underground laying of pipeline, area should be restored to its normalcy.
- h) The pipeline shall be laid down at-least 1.50 meter below the ground and after lying down of pipeline the ground will be levelled.
- i) Period of lease can be twenty five (25) years. The User Agency has to apply renewal proposal before one year of expiry of lease with the State Forest Department.

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,
TWAD Board, Project Division, Cuddalore.
The Deputy Director General of Forests (Central),
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The District Collector, Cuddalore.
The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA),
O/o. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai-15.
The Conservator of Forests,
Villupuram Circle, Villupuram.
The District Forest Officer, Cuddalore