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SECRETARIAT, CHENNAI 9.

Letter No.2421/FR.10/2022-1, Dated: 15.03.2022

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

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

Sir,

Sub Forests - Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Dindigul Circle / Karur Division - Diversion of 0.1254 ha. of forest land in Rajendram Reserved Forest for providing Combined Water Supply Scheme to 8 Town Panchayats, 2452 Rural Habitations in 11 Unions with bulk provision to 3 Municipalities in Sivaganga District in favour of Executive Engineer, TWAD Board, Project Division, Kulithalai – State Government's in-principle (Stage-I) approval – Accorded.

Ref: Your letter No. TS4/27103/2021, dated 09.02.2022.

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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 0.1254 ha. of forest land in Rajendram Reserved Forest for providing Combined Water Supply Scheme to 8 Town Panchayats, 2452 Rural Habitations in 11 Unions with bulk provision to 3 Municipalities in Sivaganga District in favour of Executive Engineer, TWAD Board, Project Division, Kulithalai for a period of 20 years under general approval category as per the provisions of guidelines under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for critical development initiatives for public utility, subject to the following conditions:-

- i). The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged and shall remain as Reserved Forests.
- ii). 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.
- iii). 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 No. 566 with related IAs in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995.
- iv). The User Agency shall pay the NPV amount by generating challan from the Ministry's online web portal. UTR No and date should be furnished.

- v). 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.
- vi). 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.
- vii). The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Government.
- viii). No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- ix). No additional (or) new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of project work.
- x). The forest land shall not be used for any other purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
- xi). The lease rent should be realized from the User Agency as per G.O.Ms.No.272, Environment and Forest Department (FR.XIII) Dept. dated 15.04.1991.
- xii). Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action will be taken as per Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change guidelines F.No. 11-42/2017-FC, dated 29.01.2018.
- xiii). The District Forest Officer may impose any other condition in the interest of conservation /protection and development of forests.
- xiv). The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<http://parivesh.nic.in>)
- xv). The period of lease is 20 years. The User Agency has to furnish renewal proposal six months before expiry of lease period.

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


15/3/22

Copy to:-

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The District Forest Officer, Karur.
The Chief Conservator of Forests,
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