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Date 25th February, 2020

To

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

Subject: Diversion of 0.05632 ha of forest land for providing Electricity service to Agricultural purpose in Sy Field No 103 of Thoppampatti Village Sirumalai North West Slope RF in Sirumalai Range in favour of Superintending Engineer, TANGEDCO, Dindigul Electricity Distribution Circle, Dindigul -reg
Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No.18711/FR.10/2019-2 dated 23.01.2020 and online proposal No FP/TN/TRANS/32103/2018 seeking prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of forest land 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 directed to convey the Central Government's in-principle approval (*Stage-I*) under Section'2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.05632 ha of forest land for providing Electricity service to Agricultural purpose in Sy Field No 103 of Thoppampatti Village Sirumalai North West Slope RF in Sirumalai Range in favour of Superintending Engineer, TANGEDCO, Dindigul Electricity Distribution Circle, Dindigul for a period of 7 years, subject to the following conditions:-

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged;
2. 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 *by* the User Agency in consultation with the DFO concerned at the project cost before the Stage II approval;
3. No tree felling shall be carried out under the project. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;

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4. **No fresh forest area other than the area falling within RoW shall be utilized under the project;**
5. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring **0.05632 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;
6. 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 the User Agency. **The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;**
7. All the funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to respective State CAMPA fund only through the portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in>);
8. Compliance report shall be submitted online through the portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in>);
9. The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;
10. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;
11. **Correct Kml file of the forest area proposed for diversion shall be uploaded in the online application;**
12. **SI topo sheet duly countersigned by the DFO Concerned, depicting the electricity line proposed to be erected shall be furnished along with the compliance report;**
13. The User Agency shall provide fire wood, preferably alternate fuel to labourers working at the site to avoid damage/tree felling;
14. Disturbance shall be kept minimal by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it will 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;

15. Pollarding / pruning of trees, if any, shall be done with the permission of the local forest officer wherever necessary during construction and maintenance of the electricity line;
16. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance of relevant Acts, Rules, Regulations, Court Orders and Guidelines of the Ministry, for the time being in force, as applicable to such projects;
17. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **0.05632** 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;
18. Any other condition that the DDGF (Central), 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;
19. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as per the Rules and guidelines issued by MoEF&CC, in this regard;

After receipt of the compliance report on above mentioned conditions, the proposal will be considered for final approval. This in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 5 years from the date of issue of this letter. In the event of non-compliance of the above condition, this in-principle approval may be revoked as per rules.

Yours faithfully,



(L.Chandrasekar)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Forest Department, No.1, Jeenis Road, Panagal Building, Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015.
2. The PCCF & Chief Wildlife Warden/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



3. Superintending Engineer, TANGEDCO, Dindigul Electricity Distribution Circle, Angunagar SS Complex, Meenakshinayakenpatty, Dindigul, Tamil Nadu-624002
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