



ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE
& FOREST(FR.10) DEPARTMENT,
SECRETARIAT, CHENNAI 9.

Letter No: 14387/ FR.10/2021-1, dated: 21.10.2021

From
Tmt.Supriya Sahu, IAS.,
Principal 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 - Proposal for diversion of 0.02816 ha of forest land in Thiruthuraiyur Reserve Forests along the admitted right of way road for Combined Water Supply Scheme to 17 habitations in 5 village panchayats of Panruti union and 18 habitations in 4 village panchayats of Annagramam union in Cuddalore District in favour of Executive Engineer, TWAD Board, RWS Division, Cuddalore - Stage I approval accorded - Regarding.

Ref: Your letter No. TS3/32724/2020, dated 24.08.2021.

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 0.02816 ha of forest land in Thiruthuraiyur Reserve Forests of Cuddalore Forest Division along the admitted right of way road for Combined Water Supply Scheme to 17 habitations in 5 village panchayats of Panruti union and 18 habitations in 4 village panchayats of Annagramam union in Cuddalore District in favour of Executive Engineer, TWAD Board, RWS Division, Cuddalore for a period of 25 years under general approval category as per the provisions made in the "New Hand Book of Guidelines" under 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 lease rent as fixed by the Forest Department at the time of sanction along with any escalation of the forest land to be diverted for the above project in future for the entire project period.
- g) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.02816 ha comprising water supply pipeline to a length of 352m 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 1.50 meter below the ground and after laying down of pipeline the ground will be leveled.
- 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 Principal Secretary to Government

Copy to:-

The Executive Engineer,
TWAD Board, RWS Division, Cuddalore – 607 001.
The Deputy Director General of Forests (Central),
Government of India,
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change,
Integrated Regional Office,
1st and 2nd Floor, HEPC Building,
No.34, Cathedral Garden Road,
Nungambakkam, Chennai-600 034.
The District Collector, Cuddalore.
The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA),
O/o. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai-15.
The District Forest Officer,
Cuddalore.
The Chief Conservator of Forests,
Villupuram Circle, Villupuram.
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