



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

Letter No.18921/FR.10/2021-1, Dated :24.12.2021

From
Tmt.Supriya Sahu, IAS.,
Principal Secretary to Government.

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

Sir,

Sub: Forests - Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 –Thanjavur Circle /
Thanjavur Division - Proposal for diversion of forest land of
0.1925 Ha of forest land in Maharajapuram RF for creation of
addl. source with pump house for Ayyanallur CWSS to
893 habitations in Nagapattinam District in favour of TWAD
Board, Nagapattinam – State Government in-principle
approval (Stage-I) - Accorded.

Ref: Your letter No.TS4/20484/2021, dated: 29.10.2021.

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With reference to your letter cited, I am directed to convey the Government's in-principle approval (Stage-I) under Section-2 of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.1925 ha of forest land in Maharajapuram Reserved Forest for creation of additional source with pump house at Ayyanallur under Combined Water Supply Scheme (CWSS) to 893 habitations in Nagapattinam District in Thanjavur Forest Division in favour of the Executive Engineer, Maintenance, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, Nagapattinam District, for a period of 20 years, under general approval category, as per the provisions made in the new hand book of guidelines under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, 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 and Forests from time to time, as per orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos. 826 in 566 with related IAs in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995.
- (iv) The User Agency shall remit Compensatory Afforestation amount as demanded by the Forest Department.
- (v) The User Agency shall plant and maintain ten times the number of trees felled on the diverted land to maintain the green cover at the project cost in degraded areas of Maharajapuram Reserved Forest as guided by the Forest Department.

- (vi) The fund from the User Agency towards Net Present Value under this project and Compensatory Afforestation cost shall be deposited by generating challan from the Ministry's online web portal. UTR No and date should be furnished.
- (vii) 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.
- (viii) 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.
- (ix) The forest land shall not be used for any other purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
- (x) The lease rent should be realized from the User Agency as per G.O.(Ms)No.272, Environment and Forests (FR.XIII) Department, dated 15.04.1991.
- (xi) The period of lease is 20 years.
- (xii) The User Agency should send renewal proposal one year before expiry of lease.
- (xiii) The Conservator of Forests and District Forest Officer may impose any other condition in the interest of conservation/ protection/ land development of forests.

2. I am also to inform you that only after receipt of the compliance report on above mentioned conditions, the proposal will be considered for final approval and transfer of protected land to User Agency shall not be effected prior to the issue of final approval. Further, this in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 5 years and in the event of non compliance of the above conditions, this in-principle approval shall automatically stand revoked after 5 years.

Yours faithfully,

S. Mohamed Yusuf 28/12/2021
for Principal Secretary to Government
28.12.21

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The Conservator of Forests,
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