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To

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

Subject: Diversion of 0.17688 ha of forest land for conveyor and pipeline crossing Korampallam canal at Thoothukudi District in favour of Vice President, SEPC Power Private Ltd, MEIL House, Chennai -reg

Sir,

Please refer to State Government of Tamil Nadu letter No 4733/FR-10/2019-2 dated 30.04.2019 and online proposal No. FP/TN/Pipeline/34620/2018 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 hereby directed to convey the Central Government's approval (*Stage-I*) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Diversion of 0.17688 ha of forest land for conveyor and pipeline crossing Korampallam canal at Thoothukudi District in favour of Vice President, SEPC Power Private Ltd, MEIL House, Chennai for a period of 20 years, subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- (ii) The 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 at the cost of User Agency;
- (iii) No tree felling shall be carried out in the diverted forest area;
- (iv) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring 0.17688 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;
- (v) 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

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Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;

- (i) All levies under the project shall be deposited to respective State CAMPA fund only through *e-portal* (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>);
- (ii) The compliance report shall be uploaded on *e-portal* (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>);
- (iii) The User Agency shall take measures to protect flora and fauna in and around the project area;
- (iv) The User Agency / the State Government shall obtain approval of NBWL, if required, in case the forest area proposed for diversion falls in protected area;
- (v) The material to be transported through the conveyor belt & related debris shall in no way be thrown down the belt and the forest area shall be kept free of debris;
- (vi) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
- (vii) The user agency shall use existing paths and roads for laying of pipeline and no new paths / roads are to be formed;
- (viii) Disturbance shall be kept minimum by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it shall 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;
- (ix) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **0.17688** ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
- (x) The Progress of the Compensatory Afforestation under the jurisdiction of the DFO, Thoothukudi Division shall be monitored by the Circle Head and a copy of such monitoring report shall be forwarded to the Regional Office to upload the same in the web portal;
- (xi) User agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;

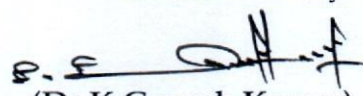
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- (vi) Any other conditions that the Central Government or ADGF(Central) of Regional Office, Chennai may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the User Agency;
- (vii) In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as decided by the ADGF (Central), Regional Office, Chennai.

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. In the event of noncompliance of the above conditions, this in-principle approval shall automatically stand revoked after 5 years.

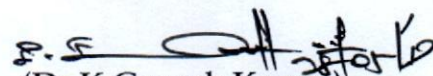
Yours faithfully,


(Dr.K.Ganesh Kumar)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Forest Department, No.1, Jeenis Road, Panagal Building, Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015
3. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/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
4. The Director, RO(HQ) Division, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi - 110 003.
5. The Vice President, SEPC Power Private Limited, 3B Nawazish, No 30 Khader Nawaz Khan Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai-600006
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