



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

Letter No.16707/ FR.10/2021-1, dated: 17.11.2021

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 – Trichy Circle/ Trichy Forest Division - Diversion of 0.127ha of forest land in Arasalur Reserved Forests for Combined Water Supply Scheme to 138 Rural Habitations in Thottiyam Union of Trichy District in favour of TWAD Board, Urban Division, Trichy – State Government's in-principle approval – Accorded.

Ref: Your letter No. TS4/47810/2020, dated 24.09.2021.

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 0.127ha of forest land in Arasalur Reserved Forests for Combined Water Supply Scheme to 138 Rural Habitations in Thottiyam Union of Trichy District in favour of the Assistant Executive Engineer, TWAD Board, Urban Division, JK Nagar, Kajamalai, Trichy 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:-

- (i) The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged and shall remain as Reserved Forests.
- (ii) Felling of trees of spontaneous origin shall not be carried out. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
- (iii) 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.
- (iv) 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 the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court Order dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos. 826 in 566 with related IAs in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995.
- (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 fund from the User Agency towards Compensatory Afforestation and Net Present Value under this project shall be deposited by generating challan from the Ministry's Online web portal. UTR No and date should be furnished.
- (vii) 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.
- (viii) The forest land shall not be used for any other purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
- (ix) 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.
- (x) The User Agency / Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, Trichy should issue constructive order on free supply of water to the Forest Department buildings in the locality near by the project area.
- (xi) The period of lease is for 25 years. The User Agency has to furnish renewal proposal six months before expiry of lease period.
- (xii) The 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 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,

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27/11/21

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The District Collector, Tiruchirappalli.
The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA),
O/o. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
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The District Forest Officer, Trichy.
The Chief Conservator of Forests,
Trichy Circle, Trichy.
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