



ABSTRACT

Forests – Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Diversion of 0.0512 ha. of forest land in Dindigul Circle / Karur Division for laying of pipeline from CWSS to Manmangalam and 71 other habitations in Karur District in favour of the Executive Engineer, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, RWS Division, Sengunthapuram, Karur – Under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Orders – Issued.

Environment and Forests (FR.10) Department

G.O.(Ms) No.117

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Read :

From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Department), letter No.TS4/12378/2018, dated 16.05.2019.

ORDER:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests in his letter first read above has furnished a proposal under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.0512 ha. of forest land in Dindigul Circle / Karur Division for laying of pipeline from CWSS to Manmangalam and 71 other habitations in Karur District in favour of the Executive Engineer, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, RWS Division, Sengunthapuram, Karur.

2. The District Forest Officer, Karur has uploaded the Form-A Part-II and he has inspected the site on 07.02.2019 with Forest Range Officer, Karur and Assistant Engineer, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, Karur.

3. The District Forest Officer has reported that the proposed area for laying water supply pipeline is a linear stretch of Reserve Forests land to a length of 500m and width of 1.0m (0.05 ha) and area proposed for construction of pump room is 0.0012 ha in Vangal Reserve Forests. The requisition is from the Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, Karur for supplying drinking water for Manmangalam and 71 other habitations. This diversion will not make any impact inside the Forest area.

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4. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Dindigul Circle has inspected the proposed project area on 11.03.2019 along with Forest Range Officer, Karur and Assistant Engineer, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, Karur and reported that total extent of forest land required for the project is 0.0512 ha. There is no tree growth in the proposed forest land. There is no other suitable land available for this project except the forest land and he has agreed with the recommendations of the District Forest Officer, Karur. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Dindigul has further stated that the User Agency may be permitted to implement the water supply improvement scheme, in the proposed forest land in Vangal Reserve Forests as the project will reduce the water scarcity in Manmangalam and other 71 habitations in Karur District. As this project will reduce the water scarcity in Manmangalam and other 71 habitations in Karur District, hence he has recommended the proposal. Under Part-IV the Nodal Officer, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA) has also recommended the above proposal.

5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Department) has recommended the proposal for diversion of 0.0512 ha of forest land for laying of pipeline from CWSS to Manmangalam and 71 other Habitations in Karur District in favour of the Executive Engineer, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, RWS Division, Sengunthapuram, Karur under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for a period of 20 years subject to certain conditions.

6. The Government after careful examination, accord approval to the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests for diversion of 0.0512 ha. of forest land in Dindigul Circle / Karur Division for laying of pipeline from CWSS to Manmangalam and 71 other habitations in Karur District in favour of the Executive Engineer, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, RWS Division, Sengunthapuram, Karur for a period of twenty years under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, under general approval category as per the provision made in the new hand book of guidelines under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for Critical development initiatives for public since the proposal comes under drinking water, 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 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 IA in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995.
- iv. 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.

- v. The User Agency has to pay the cost of raising Compensatory Afforestation and maintenance of plantation, protection of plantation etc. as fixed by the Forest Department and willingness to deposit additional amount if any suggested and demanded subsequently.
- vi. 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.
- vii. The forest land shall not be used for any other purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
- viii. The lease rent should be realized from the User Agency as per G.O.Ms.No.272, E&F(FR.XIII) Dept. dated 15.04.1991 and subsequent changes.
- ix. Period of lease is twenty years. The User Agency has to apply renewal proposal before 6 months of expiry of lease with the State Forest Department.
- x. The District Forest Officer may impose any other condition in the interest of conservation /protection and development of forests.
- xi. Monthly report by the Nodal Officer (Forest Conservation) shall be submitted to the concerned Regional Office by 5th of every month.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests is further requested to incorporate any other suitable conditions which are necessary for the above said diversion of forest land. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests is also requested to take action accordingly and to send a report to Government in due course.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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