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Date 18th February, 2022

To,

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

Subject: Diversion of 0.00487 ha of forest land for the TANTEA sales bunk entrance areas and for the movement of consumers in favour of Managing Director, TANTEA, Nilgiris- Reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No.20639/FR.10/2018-1 dated 04.01.2019 and online proposal No. FP/TN/Others/20994/2016 seeking prior approval of the Government of India in accordance with Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above mentioned project. The project was accorded in-principle approval (Stage-I) by the Central Government vide letter dated 25.03.2019. The State Government vide letter No. 20639/FR.10/2018-8 dated 28.04.2021 have reported compliance to the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am directed to convey the Central Government's approval (*Stage-II*) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.00487 ha of forest land for the TANTEA sales bunk entrance areas and for the movement of consumers in favour of Managing Director, TANTEA, Nilgiris, **for a period of 03 years**, subject to the following conditions:

- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- (ii) Demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at the cost of User Agency;
- (iii) Additional amount of 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;
- (iv) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;

- (v) Disturbance shall be kept minimal by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it will 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;
- (vi) No permanent structures shall be built in the diverted forest area;
- (vii) No tree felling shall be carried out in the diverted forest area;
- (viii) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **0.00487 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
- (ix) The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;
- (x) User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;
- (xi) Any other conditions that the Central Government or Regional Officer of Integrated 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;
- (xii) The Progress of the Compensatory Afforestation under the jurisdiction of the DFO, Theni Forest Division shall be monitored by the Circle Head and a copy of such monitoring report shall be forwarded to the Integrated Regional Office Chennai;
- (xiii) In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as per the provisions of FCA, 1980 and rules / guidelines made there under;

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(K.Karthikeyan)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Forest Department, No.1, Jeenis Road, Panagal Building, Saidapet, Chennai – 600 015.
2. 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
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