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To

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

**Subject: Diversion of forest land of 0.874 ha for construction of foot bridges for collector well 4 & 5 and MV Panel room for Collector well 5 and construction of headworks under Combined Water Supply Scheme to 8 Town Panchayats, 2452 Rural Habitations, 3 Municipalities in Sivaganga District across Maruthur RF in favour of Assistant Engineer, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, Kulithalai- Reg.**

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter Nos.3801/FR.10/2023-1 dated 31.05.2023 and online application No.FP/TN/WATER/153702/2022 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. The project was accorded in-principle approval (Stage-I) by the Central Government vide letter dated 13.06.2023. The State Government vide letter No.3801/FR.10/2023 dated 25.07.2023 have reported compliance to the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval;

After careful consideration of the compliance report submitted by the State Government, I am hereby directed to convey the Central Government's **final approval (Stage-II)** under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of forest land of **0.874 ha** for construction of foot bridges for collector well 4 & 5 and MV Panel room for Collector well 5 and construction of headworks under Combined Water Supply Scheme to 8 Town Panchayats, 2452 Rural Habitations, 3 Municipalities in Sivaganga District across Maruthur RF in favour of Assistant Engineer, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, Kulithalai, **for a period of 50 years**, subject to the following conditions:-

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged;