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फा.न./F.No. 4-TNB119/2024-CHN/ 1474
दिनांक/Date: As per E-sign

सेवा में/To,

The Additional Chief Secretary,
Environment, Climate Change & Forest Department,
Govt. of Tamil Nadu,
Secretariat, Fort St. George,
Chennai-600 009.

विषय/Subject : Diversion of 0.186 ha of forest land in Villupuram FD comprising T.Edaiyar RF (0.049 ha), Thiruvennainallur RF (0.034 ha), Iruvelpattu RF (0.103 ha) of Ulundurpet Range at 12 locations for Construction and reconstruction of dilapidated head sluice, bed dam, retaining wall and culvert in Malattar Channel across Malattar River bed forest area for supplying water to Tirukoilur and Ulundurpet Taluk tanks in Villupuram District in favour of the Executive Engineer, WRD, Lower Pennaiyar Basin Division, Villupuram District-Reg.

महोदय/ Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No. 6118/FR.10/2023-3 dated 13.02.2024 and online proposal No. FP/TN/IRRIG/51078/2020, seeking prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of forest land in accordance with Section 2(1) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for the above-mentioned project. The project was accorded In-Principle approval (Stage-I) by the Central Government vide letter 4-TNB119/2024-CHN/340 dated 13.03.2024. The State Government vide letter No. 6118/FR.10/2023-5 dated 01.09.2025 has reported compliance to the conditions stipulated in the "In-Principle" approval.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am hereby directed to convey the Central Government's "Final approval (Stage-II)" under Section 2 of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, for the proposal of diversion of 0.186 ha of forest land in Villupuram FD comprising T.Edaiyar RF (0.049 ha), Thiruvennainallur RF (0.034 ha), Iruvelpattu RF (0.103 ha) of Ulundurpet Range at 12 locations for Construction and reconstruction of dilapidated head sluice, bed dam, retaining wall and culvert in Malattar Channel across Malattar River bed forest area for supplying water to Tirukoilur and Ulundurpet Taluk tanks in Villupuram District in favour of the Executive Engineer, WRD, Lower Pennaiyar Basin Division, Villupuram District, subject to the following conditions:-

- i. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- ii. The State Forest Department shall raise plantations of 100 seedlings (including its maintenance) at the cost of the User Agency towards compensatory afforestation;
- ii. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- iii. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- iv. 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 machinery, labourers & staff engaged in execution of work shall not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna;
- v. Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.
- vi. 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;
- vii. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **0.186 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
- viii. 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;
- ix. Any other conditions that the Central Government or Regional Officer (Central) of the 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;
- x. The User Agency shall provide CA in NFL area for compensatory afforestation in lieu of the forest area diverted, if applicable, based on the final outcome in the WP No.1164/2023, which is currently pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. The State Forest Department shall ensure that an undertaking from the user agency is obtained in this regard.
- xi. The User Agency has made payment Rs. 3,82,974/- towards CA and NPV (Rs. 1,75,231/- towards CA, Rs. 2,07,743/- towards NPV). The levies paid by the UA shall be utilized for the same as per the approved plan/scheme.
- xii. Violation of any of the above conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam 1980 and action would be taken as per Rules and Guidelines issued under the Adhiniyam;

आपका विश्वासी/Yours faithfully,

Digitally signed by
Yuvaraj S
Date: 26-09-2025
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(एस.युवराज/S.Yuvaraj)
उप वन महानिरीक्षक (केन्द्रीय)/

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

प्रतिलिपि/Copy to: -

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Forest Department, Guindy-Velachery Main Road, Guindy, Chennai – 32.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Forest Department, Guindy-Velachery Main Road, Guindy, Chennai – 32.
3. IGF, ROHQ, MoEF&CC, New Delhi -110003 for information please.
4. EE, WRD., VILUPPURAM, Lower Pennaiyar Basin Division, PWD Compound, PJN Road, Viluppuram-605602 (kazhuveli2020@gmail.com)
5. Guard file.

Sd/-

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