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फा.नं./F.No. 4-TNB097/2022-CHN/ 1485

दिनांक/Date: 30th September, 2025

सेवा में/To,

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

विषय/Subject: Diversion of 0.90 ha of forest land in Pennaiyar RF in Tiruvannamalai Forest Division area for construction of fuse plug pertaining to Thandarampattu Taluk of Tiruvannamalai District for discharge of heavy floods from Sathanur Reservoir in Tiruvannamalai District in favour of Assistant Executive Engineer, PWD, Sathanur Dam, Tiruvannamalai District-Reg.

महोदय/Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No. 14151/FR10/2022-1 dated 30.09.2022 and 24.08.2023 and online proposal No. FP/TN/IRRIG/118339/2021, 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 letter of even No. dated 03.09.2023. The State Government vide letter No. 14151/FR10/2022-5 dated 16.09.2025 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 Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, for **diversion of 0.90 ha of forest land in Pennaiyar RF in Tiruvannamalai Forest Division area for construction of fuse plug pertaining to Thandarampattu Taluk of Tiruvannamalai District for discharge of heavy floods from Sathanur Reservoir in Tiruvannamalai District in favour of Assistant Executive Engineer, PWD, Sathanur Dam, Tiruvannamalai District**, subject to the following conditions:-

- i. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- ii. **The State Forest Department shall carry out compensatory afforestation**

over an extent of 1.80 ha of DFL in Pinjur C Block RF, at the cost of the User Agency;

- iii. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- iv. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- 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 machinery, labourers & staff engaged in execution of work shall not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna;
- vi. 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;
- vii. No additional / new path shall be made during execution of the project;
- viii. The UA shall obtain prior approval / permission from the Hon'ble SC of India / CEC for felling of spontaneous trees; After thorough examination on all aspects, the separate proposal for downstream Channel / pipeline up to reach the nearest or any such point of the original river course shall be submitted under FCA, 1980;
- ix. CAT plan may be insisted, if required as per the field conditions;
- x. The State Government shall ensure to obtain approval / permission from the competent authority for increasing of water holding capacity of the dam. The State Government/UA shall strictly comply with the hon'ble court / tribunals orders if any in this regard;
- xi. 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;
- xii. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **0.9 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
- xiii. 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;
- xiv. **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.**
- xv. The User Agency has made payment Rs. 38,54,433/- towards CA and NPV (Rs. 27,48,702/- towards CA, Rs. 11,05,731 /- towards NPV). The levies paid by the UA shall be utilized for the same as per the approved plan/scheme.
- xvi. 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;
- xvii. 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: 29-09-2025
16:50:00

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Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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2. The Inspector General of Forests (ROHQ), Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Agni Wing, Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi – 110 003.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Forest Department, Guindy-Velachery Main Road, Guindy, Chennai – 32
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