



**ABSTRACT**

Forests – Cuddalore Forest Division – Diversion of 0.02816 ha. of forest land in Thiruthuraiyur Reserved Forests of Cuddalore Forest Division for the use of drinking water to the habitations of Panruti and Annagramam Union in Cuddalore District in favour of the Executive Engineer, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, RWS Division, Cuddalore under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Orders – Issued.

**Environment, Climate Change and Forests (FR.10) Department**

G.O.(MS) No:44

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Read :

1. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Letter No.TS3/32724/2020, dated.24.08.2021.
2. Government letter No.14387/FR.10/2021-1, Environment and Forests(FR.10) Department, dated 21.10.2021.
3. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Letter No. TS3/32724/2020, dated 11.02.2022.

**ORDER:**

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests in his letter first read above has furnished the proposal for diversion of 0.02816 ha of forest land in Thiruthuraiyur Reserved Forests of Cuddalore Forest Division along the admitted right of way road for Combined Water Supply Scheme to 17 habitations in 5 village panchayats of Panruti Union and 18 habitations in 4 village panchayats of Annagramam Union in Cuddalore District in favour of Executive Engineer, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, RWS Division, Cuddalore under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. In the Government letter second read above, the Government have conveyed the State Government's in-principle approval (Stage-I) under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.02816 ha of forest land in Thiruthuraiyur Reserved Forests of Cuddalore Forest Division along the admitted right of way road for Combined Water Supply Scheme to 17 habitations in 5 village panchayats of Panruti Union and 18 habitations in 4 village panchayats of Annagramam Union in Cuddalore District in favour of Executive Engineer, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, RWS Division, Cuddalore under general approval category as per the provisions of guidelines under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for critical development initiatives for public utility, subject to certain conditions and requested to furnish the compliance report after satisfying all the conditions stipulated therein within a period of 5 years.

3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests in his letter third read above has furnished the compliance report in respect of the conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval accorded for the said proposal and also stated that User Agency has completed the demarcation of proposed forest area by erecting 4 feet high reinforced concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters and has remitted an amount of Rs.18501/-

approval category for diversion of 0.02816 ha of forest land in Thiruthuraiyur Reserved Forests of Cuddalore Forest Division along the admitted right of way road for Combined Water Supply Scheme to 17 habitations in 5 village panchayats of Panruti Union and 18 habitations in 4 village panchayats of Annagramam Union in Cuddalore District for a period of 25 years in favour of Executive Engineer, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, RWS Division, Cuddalore under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

4. The Government after careful examination, accord the State Government's final (Stage-II) approval under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion 0.02816 ha of forest land in Thiruthuraiyur Reserved Forests of Cuddalore Forest Division along the admitted right of way road for Combined Water Supply Scheme to 17 habitations in 5 village panchayats of Panruti Union and 18 habitations in 4 village panchayats of Annagramam Union in Cuddalore District for a period of 25 years in favour of Executive Engineer, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, RWS Division, Cuddalore under general approval category for critical development initiatives for public utility, subject to the following conditions:-

- a) The legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
- b) The User Agency has to bear the additional amount of Net Present Value which will be fixed as per the guidelines of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India as fixed by Forest Department in future.
- c) The User Agency has to pay the cost towards lease rent as fixed by the Forest Department at the time of sanction along with any escalation for the forest land to be diverted for the above project in future for the entire project period.
- d) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.02816 ha comprising water supply pipeline to a length of 352m and width is 0.80m and after completion of underground laying of pipeline, area should be restored to its normalcy.
- e) The pipeline shall be laid down 1.50 meter below the ground and after laying down of pipeline the ground will be leveled.
- f) Period of lease can be twenty five (25) years. The User Agency has to apply renewal proposal before one year of expiry of lease with the State Forest Department,

6. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests is directed to take necessary action accordingly and send a report to Government in due course.

**(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)**

**SUPRIYA SAHU  
ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

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The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation Act),  
O/o. the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai-15.  
The Chief Conservator of Forests, Villupuram Circle, Villupuram.

The District Forest Officer, Cuddalore.  
The Executive Engineer,  
Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, RWS Division,  
Cuddalore-607001.  
The Private Secretary to Additional Chief Secretary to Government,  
Environment, Climate Change and Forests Department, Chennai-9.  
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**//FORWARDED BY ORDER//**

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SECTION OFFICER 10/3/2022  
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