



ABSTRACT

Forests – Dharmapuri Circle / Hosur Wildlife Division - Diversion of 0.777 ha of forest land for laying 11 KV transmission line along right of way in Veppanapalli Reserve Forest of Hosur Wildlife Division for the benefit of patta holders (enclosure in Reserve Forest) of Krishnagiri District in favour of the Executive Engineer, O&M, Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Limited, Krishnagiri District under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Orders – Issued.

Environment, Climate Change and Forest (FR.10) Department

G.O.(Ms) No.147

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Read :

1. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Department), Letter No.TS3/44731/2019, dated 08.12.2021.
2. Government letter No.22180/FR.10/2021-1,dated 21.01.2022.
3. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Letter No.TS3/44731/2019, dated 12.07.2022.

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ORDER:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoD) in his letter first read above, has furnished the proposal for diversion of 0.777 ha of forest land for laying 11 KV transmission line along right of way in Veppanapalli Reserve Forest of Hosur Wildlife Division for the benefit of patta holders (enclosure in Reserve Forest) of Krishnagiri District in favour of the Executive Engineer, O&M, Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Limited, Krishnagiri District, for a period of 15 years, under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. In the Government letter second read above, the Government have accorded the State Government's in-principle approval (Stage-I) under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.777 ha of forest land for laying 11 KV transmission line along right of way in Veppanapalli Reserve Forest of Hosur Wildlife Division for the benefit of patta holders (enclosure in Reserve Forest) of Krishnagiri District in favour of the Executive Engineer, O&M, Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Limited, Krishnagiri District, for a period of 15 years, under general approval category as per the provisions of guidelines under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for critical development initiatives for public utility, since the proposal comes under the electric lines category, 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 (Head of Forest Force) in his letter third read above, has furnished the compliance report in respect of all the conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval accorded for the said proposal and also requested to issue final (Stage-II) approval for diversion of 0.777 ha of forest land for

laying 11 KV transmission line along right of way in Veppanapalli Reserve Forest of Hosur Wildlife Division for the benefit of patta holders (enclosure in Reserve Forest) of Krishnagiri District in favour of the Executive Engineer, O&M, Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Limited, Krishnagiri District, for a period of 15 years, 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 of 0.777 ha of forest land for laying 11 KV transmission line along right of way in Veppanapalli Reserve Forest of Hosur Wildlife Division for the benefit of patta holders (enclosure in Reserve Forest) of Krishnagiri District in favour of the Executive Engineer, O&M, Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Limited, Krishnagiri District, for a period of 15 years, under general approval category as per the provisions of guidelines under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for critical development initiatives for public utility, since the proposal comes under electric lines category, subject to the following conditions:-

- a) The legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
- b) The demarcation of the proposed forest land shall be carried out by the User Agency by erecting 4 feet height cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at their cost.
- c) 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.
- d) The User Agency has to pay the cost towards annual 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.
- e) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.777 ha comprising the forest area to a length of 1110 m and right of way width of 7m.
- f) Information board on diversion of forest area shall be erected along the transmission path at regular intervals at the cost of User Agency.
- g) For the protection of forest and wildlife, following measures should be done by the User Agency in the project area at their cost:-
 - i. To avoid electrocution to wildlife animals, the electric pole along the path shall be erected with 9 meter pole.
 - ii. The electric line shall be erected with DP structure with fuse control arrangement at Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Limited end.
 - iii. The electric poles shall be protected with pole earthing and electrical lines provided with guarding arrangements to avoid damage and electrocution to the wildlife.
 - iv. The transmission line should be erected with tripping mechanism.
 - v. The User Agency has to provide ELCB (Earth Leakage Current Breakage) arrangements all along the transmission line in the forest area and immediate outside the forest areas so as to prevent electrocution death of wild animals.
- h) The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under any circumstances, be transferred to any other agencies / department or person without prior approval of State Government.

- i) Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violations of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per rules in force.
 - j) Any other conditions that the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forests and wildlife, shall be complied by the User Agency.
 - k) Period of lease is fifteen (15) years. The User Agency has to apply renewal proposal before one year of expiry of lease with the State Forest Department.
5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests is requested to take action accordingly and send a report to Government in due course.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

SUPRIYA SAHU
ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

- ✓ The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force),
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The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest (Conservation) Act),
O/o. the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
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The Conservator of Forests,
Dharmapuri Circle,
Dharmapuri-636 705.
The Wildlife Warden,
Hosur Forest Division,
Hosur-635 110.
The Executive Engineer,
O&M, Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Limited,
Krishnagiri-635 001.
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