



ABSTRACT

Forests – Tirunelveli Circle / Thoothukudi Division – Diversion of 0.9896 ha. of forest land in Alagiamanavalapuram Reserved Land (RL) for construction of a Check dam across the Thamirabarani river between Alwarthoppu and Alwarthirunagari Villages of Srivaikuntam Taluk in Thoothukudi District, in favour of the Executive Engineer, Thamirabarani Basin Division, Water Resources Department, Palayamkottai under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Orders – Issued.

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

G.O.(Ms) No. 54

Dated : 16.03.2023

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திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு - 2054

Read :

1. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Letter No.TS4/44927/2021, dated 01.07.2022.
2. Government letter No.12118/FR.10/2022-2, dated 03.12.2022.
3. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Letter No. TS4/44927/2021, dated 28.02.2023.

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ORDER:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests in his letter first read above, has furnished the proposal (No.FP/TN/IRRIG/150193/2021) for diversion of 0.9896 ha. of forest land in Alagiamanavalapuram Reserved Land (RL) for construction of a Check dam across the Thamirabarani river between Alwarthoppu and Alwarthirunagari Villages of Srivaikuntam Taluk in Thoothukudi District, in favour of the Executive Engineer, Thamirabarani Basin Division, Water Resources Department, Palayamkottai for a period of 20 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 0.9896 ha. of forest land in Alagiamanavalapuram Reserved Land (RL) for construction of a Check dam across the Thamirabarani river between Alwarthoppu and Alwarthirunagari Villages of Srivaikuntam Taluk in Thoothukudi District, in favour of the Executive Engineer, Thamirabarani Basin Division, Water Resources Department, Palayamkottai for a period of 20 years, 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 (Head of Forest Force) in his letter third read above, has furnished the compliance report on all the conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval accorded for the said proposal and also requested to issue final (Stage-II) approval under General Approval category, for diversion of 0.9896 ha. of forest land in Alagiamanavalapuram Reserved Land (RL) for construction of a Check dam across the Thamirabarani river between Alwarthoppu and Alwarthirunagari Villages of Srivaikuntam Taluk in Thoothukudi District, in favour of the Executive Engineer, Thamirabarani Basin Division, Water Resources Department, Palayamkottai, for a period of 20 years, under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

4. The Government after careful examination, accord the State Government's final approval (Stage-II) under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.9896 ha. of forest land in Alagiamanavalapuram Reserved Land (RL) for construction of a Check dam across the Thamirabarani river between Alwarthoppu and Alwarthirunagari Villages of Srivaikuntam Taluk in Thoothukudi District, in favour of the Executive Engineer, Thamirabarani Basin Division, Water Resources Department, Palayamkottai, for a period of 20 years, subject to the following conditions, under General Approval category as per the provisions of guidelines under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for critical development initiatives for public utility:-

- i. The legal status of Land shall remain unchanged as Reserved Forests.
- ii. Demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of the User Agency.
- iii. The Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to the effect.
- iv. The User Agency shall remit the cost for felling and transport of trees to the District Forest Officer concerned.
- v. The User Agency shall be responsible for any loss to Flora and Fauna in the surroundings and shall take all possible measures to conserve the same.
- vi. The forest land shall not be used for any other purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
- vii. The lease rent should be realized from the User Agency as per G.O.Ms.No. 272, Environment and Forest (FR.XIII) Department, dated 15.04.1991.
- viii. The period of lease is for 20 years.
- ix. The User Agency should send renewal proposal one year before expiry of lease.

- x. The Conservator of Forests and District Forest Officer may impose any other condition in the interest of conservation / protection and development of forests.

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

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O/o. the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai-32.
The Conservator of Forests & Field Director (FAC),
Kalakadu Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve,
Tirunelveli – 7.

The District Forest Officer,
Thoothukudi Forest Division,
Thoothukudi – 628 101.

The Executive Engineer,
Water Resources Department,
Thambraparani Basin Division,
Tirunelveli – 627 002.

The Private Secretary to Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Environment, Climate Change and Forests Department, Chennai-9.

The Private Secretary to Special Secretary (Forests),
Environment, Climate Change and Forests Department, Chennai-9.
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//FORWARDED BY ORDER//

M. Megala
17/3/2023
SECTION OFFICER

