



ABSTRACT

Forests – Thanjavur Circle / Thanjavur Forest Division - Diversion of 0.1925 ha of forest land in Maharajapuram Reserved Forest for creation of additional source with pump house at Ayyanallur under Combined Water Supply Scheme (CWSS) to 893 habitations in Nagapattinam District in Thanjavur Forest Division in favour of Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, Nagapattinam District under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Orders – Issued.

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

G.O.(Ms) No.144

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Read :

1. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoD), Letter No.TS4/20484/2021, dated 29.10.2021.
2. Government letter No.18921/FR.10/2021-1,dated 24.12.2021.
3. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Letter No.TS4/20484/2021, dated 04.07.2022.

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ORDER:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests in his letter first read above, has furnished the proposal (No.FP/TN/Water/142613/2021) for diversion of 0.1925 ha of forest land in Maharajapuram Reserved Forest for creation of additional source with pump house at Ayyanallur under Combined Water Supply Scheme (CWSS) to 893 habitations in Nagapattinam District in Thanjavur Forest Division for a period of 20 years in favour of the Executive Engineer, Maintenance, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, Nagapattinam District 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 0.1925 ha of forest land in Maharajapuram Reserved Forest for creation of additional source with pump house at Ayyanallur under Combined Water Supply Scheme (CWSS) to 893 habitations in Nagapattinam District in Thanjavur Forest Division for a period of 20 years in favour of the Executive Engineer, Maintenance, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, Nagapattinam District 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 'drinking water' 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 (HoFF) 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 Stage-II final approval for diversion of 0.1925 ha of forest land in Maharajapuram Reserved Forest for creation of additional source with pump house at Ayyanallur under Combined Water Supply Scheme (CWSS) to 893 habitations in Nagapattinam District for a period of 20 years in favour of the Executive Engineer, Maintenance, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, Nagapattinam District 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 0.1925 ha of forest land in Maharajapuram Reserved Forest for creation of additional source with pump house at Ayyanallur under Combined Water Supply Scheme (CWSS) to 893 habitations in Nagapattinam District in Thanjavur Forest Division for a period of 20 years, in favour of the Executive Engineer, Maintenance, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, Nagapattinam District 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 drinking water category, subject to the following conditions:-

- i. The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged and shall remain as Reserved Forests.
- ii. The demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet height cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 mts at the cost of User Agency.
- iii. The User Agency shall plant and maintain ten times the number of trees felled on the diverted land to maintain the green cover at the project cost in degraded areas of Maharajapuram Reserved Forest as guided by the Forest Department.
- iv. 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.
- 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, E&F (FR.XIII) Dept, dated 15.04.1991.
- viii. The period of lease is 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 conditions 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)

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SECTION OFFICER

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