



ABSTRACT

Forests – Madurai District – Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve, Madurai circle / Theni and Madurai Forest Divisions – Diversion of 0.13 ha of forest land in Andipatty South Reserve Forest of Theni Division and 0.0332 ha of forest land in Doddappanaickanur North Reserve Forest of Madurai Division for Water Supply improvement scheme to Usilampatty Municipality in favour of Executive Engineer, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, Madurai District under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Orders – Issued.

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

G.O.(Ms) No. 11

Dated : 06.01.2023

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திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு - 2053

Read :

1. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) letter No.TS4/39546/2017, dated 15.04.2022.
2. Government letter No.7207/FR.10/2022-1, dated 06.06.2022.
3. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) letter No.TS4/39546/2017, dated:07.12.2022.

ORDER:

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The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests in his letter first read above, has furnished the proposal (No.FP/TN/Water/27069/2017) for diversion of 0.13 ha of forest land in Andipatty South Reserve Forest of Theni Division & 0.0332 ha of forest land in Doddappanaickanur North Reserve Forest of Madurai Division for Water Supply improvement scheme to Usilampatty Municipality by laying of water supply pipeline along Andipatty South Reserve Forest and Doddappanaickanur North Reserve Forest areas in favour of Executive Engineer, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, Madurai District, 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 0.13 ha of forest land in Andipatty South Reserve Forest of Theni Division & 0.0332 ha of forest land in Doddappanaickanur North Reserve Forest of Madurai District for Water Supply improvement scheme to Usilampatty Municipality in favour of the Executive Engineer, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, Madurai, 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 0.13 ha of forest land in Andipatty South Reserve Forest of Theni Division and 0.0332 ha of forest land in Doddappanaickanur North Reserve Forest of Madurai Division for Water Supply improvement scheme to Usilampatty Municipality by laying of water supply pipeline along Andipatty South Reserved Forest and Doddappanaickanur North Reserved Forest areas in favour of Executive Engineer, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, Madurai District, 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 0.13 ha of forest land in Andipatty South Reserve Forest of Theni Division and 0.0332 ha of forest land in Doddappanaickanur North Reserve Forest of Madurai Division for Water Supply improvement scheme to Usilampatty Municipality for laying of water supply pipeline along Andipatty South Reserve Forest and Doddappanaickanur North Reserved Forest areas in favour of Executive Engineer, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, Madurai, 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 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 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 be responsible for any loss to Flora and Fauna in the surroundings and shall take all possible measures to conserve the same.
- (v) The forest land shall not be used for any other purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
- (vi) 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.
- (vii) The period of lease is 20 years.
- (viii) The User Agency should send renewal proposal one year before expiry of lease.

- (ix) The User Agency has to provide adequate facilities for provision of drinking water for the Wildlife in the area especially during the pinch season of the year for the animals water pond in Doddappanaickanur West Reserved Forest, Beat staff quarters and Anti-poaching shed.
- (x) The Conservator of Forests and District Forest Officer may impose any other condition, if required 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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To

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The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest (Conservation) Act),
O/o.the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai-32.

The Conservator of Forests & Field Director,
Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve, Madurai – 2.

The District Forest Officer,
Madurai Forest Division, Madurai – 2.

The District Forest Officer,
Theni Forest Division, Theni – 626 331.

The Executive Engineer,
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RWS Division, Madurai – 625 007.

The Private Secretary to Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
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M. Nagala
9/01/2023

SECTION OFFICER

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