

ABSTRACT

Forests – Diversion of 0.24 ha of forest land in Nanmangalam Reserved Forest of Chennai Forest Division in Chengalpattu District for laying of water supply pipeline in favour of the Executive Engineer, Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board, Chennai under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Orders – Issued.

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

G.O.(Ms) No.191

Dated: 31.10.2022 சுபகிருது, ஐப்பசி – 14 திருவள்ளுவர் ஆண்டு – 2053 Read:

- 1. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Letter No.TS3/35079/2021, dated 29.03.2022.
- 2. Government letter No.5778/FR.10/2022-1, dated 11.05.2022.
- 3. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Letter No.TS3/35079/2021, dated 11.10.2022.

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ORDER:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests in his letter first read above, has furnished the proposal (No.FP/TN/Pipeline/146983/2021) for diversion of 0.24 ha of forest land in Nanmangalam Reserved Forest of Chennai Forest Division in Chengalpattu District for laying of water supply pipeline for conveyance of 150 MLD of product water from the desalination plant at Nemmeli, East Coast Road South of Chennai and up to Pallavaram and all allied works including O&M in favour of the Executive Engineer, Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board, RA Puram, Chennai, 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 0.24 ha of forest land in Nanmangalam Reserved Forest of Chennai Forest Division in Chengalpattu District for laying of water supply pipeline for conveyance of 150 MLD of product water from the desalination plant at Nemmeli, East Coast Road South of Chennai and up to Pallavaram and all allied works including O&M in favour of the Executive Engineer, Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board, RA Puram, Chennai 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 the condition

Nos.1 to 9, except condition No.2 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 0.24 ha of forest land in Nanmangalam Reserved Forest of Chennai Forest Division in Chengalpattu District for laying of water supply pipeline for conveyance of 150 MLD of product water from the desalination plant at Nemmeli, East Coast Road South of Chennai and up to Pallavaram and all allied works including O&M in favour of the Executive Engineer, Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board, RA Puram, Chennai, 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 0.24 ha of forest land in Nanmangalam Reserved Forest of Chennai Forest Division in Chengalpattu District for laying of water supply pipeline for conveyance of 150 MLD of product water from the desalination plant at Nemmeli, East Coast Road South of Chennai and up to Pallavaram and all allied works including O&M in favour of the Executive Engineer, Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board, RA Puram, Chennai, 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:-

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 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 of the above project in future for the entire

project period.

d. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.24 ha comprising water supply pipeline to a length of 1200m and width is 2.00m and after completion of underground laying of pipeline, area should be restored to its normalcy.

e. The pipeline shall be laid down at-least 1.50 meter below the ground and

after laying down of pipeline, the ground will be leveled.

- f. Period of lease is twenty (20) 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
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SECTION OFFICER