



ABSTRACT

Forests – Dindigul Circle / Karur Division - Diversion of 0.1254 ha. of forest land in Rajendram Reserved Forest for providing Combined Water Supply Scheme to 8 Town Panchayats, 2452 Rural Habitations in 11 Unions with bulk provision to 3 Municipalities in Sivaganga District in favour of the Executive Engineer, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, Project Division, Kulithalai, Tiruchirappalli District under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Orders – Issued.

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

G.O.(Ms) No. 139

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Read :

1. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoD), Letter No.TS4/ 27103/2021, dated 09.02.2022.
2. Government letter No.2421/FR.10/2022-1, dated 15.03.2022.
3. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Letter No.TS4/ 27103/2021, dated 21.07.2022.

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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 0.1254 ha. of forest land in Rajendram Reserved Forest of Dindigul Circle / Karur Division for providing Combined Water Supply Scheme to 8 Town Panchayats, 2452 Rural Habitations in 11 Unions with bulk provision to 3 Municipalities in Sivaganga District in favour of the Executive Engineer, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, Project Division, Kulithalai, Tiruchirappalli 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 conveyed the State Government's in-principle approval (Stage-I) under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.1254 ha. of forest land in Rajendram Reserved Forest of Dindigul Circle / Karur Division for providing Combined Water Supply Scheme to 8 Town Panchayats, 2452 Rural Habitations in 11 Unions with bulk provision to 3 Municipalities in Sivaganga District in favour of the Executive Engineer, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, Project Division, Kulithalai, Tiruchirappalli District, 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, since the proposal comes under the drinking water purpose 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 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 under General approval category, for diversion of 0.1254 ha. of forest land in Rajendram Reserved Forest of Dindigul Circle / Karur Division for providing Combined Water Supply Scheme to 8 Town Panchayats, 2452 Rural Habitations in 11 Unions with bulk provision to 3 Municipalities in Sivaganga District in favour of the Executive Engineer, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, Project Division, Kulithalai, Tiruchirappalli 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 (Stage-II) approval under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.1254 ha. of forest land in Rajendram Reserved Forest of Dindigul Circle / Karur Division for providing Combined Water Supply Scheme to 8 Town Panchayats, 2452 Rural Habitations in 11 Unions with bulk provision to 3 Municipalities in Sivaganga District in favour of the Executive Engineer, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, Project Division, Kulithalai, Tiruchirappalli District, 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, since the proposal comes under the drinking water purpose 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 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 layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Government.
- vi). No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- vii). No additional (or) new path be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of project work.
- viii). The forest land shall not be used for any other purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
- ix). 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.

- x). Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action will be taken as per Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change guidelines F.No.11-42/2017-FC, dated 29.01.2018.
- xi). The District Forest Officer may impose any other condition in the interest of conservation / protection and development of forests.
- xii). The period of lease is for 20 years. The User Agency has to furnish renewal proposal six months before expiry of lease period.

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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The District Forest Officer,
Karur Division, Karur-639 005.
The Executive Engineer,
Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board,
Project Division, Kulithalai,
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The Private Secretary to Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
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