

Letter No.6118/FR.10/2023 – 1, dated 06.11.2023

From
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Deputy Secretary to Government.

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force),
Chennai-32.

Sir,

Sub: Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Proposal FP/TN/Irrig/51078/2020) for diversion of 0.186 ha of forest land in Villupuram Forest Division comprising T.Edaiyar RF (0.049 ha), Thiruvonnainallur RF (0.034 ha), Iruvelpattu RF (0.103 ha) of Ulundhurpet Range at 12 locations for Construction and reconstruction of dilapidated head sluice, bed dam, retaining wall and culvert in Malattar Channel across Malattar River bed forest area for supplying water to Tirukoilur and Ulundurpet Taluk tanks in Villupuram District in favour of the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, WRD, Lower Pennaiyar Basin Division, Villupuram District - Regarding.

Ref: 1. Your Letter No.TS3/22890/2022, dated 28.07.2023.
2. From the Scientist 'D', Government of India, Ministry of Environment Forests and Climate Change (FC Division), New Delhi Letters dated 21.08.2023 and 13.10.2023.

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I am directed to invite attention to your letter first cited, wherein it has been stated that the District Forest Officer has not proposed any compensatory afforestation scheme and also reported that the compensatory afforestation proposed is withdrawn as per the guidelines issued in Government of India's letter No. FC-11/118/2021-FC, dated 13.06.2023.

2. In this connection, I am to state that as per the reference second cited, the proposals involving area upto 1 ha. are exempted from raising Compensatory Afforestation, however in such cases cost of plantation of ten times the number of trees likely to be felled or specified number of trees as may be specified in the order for diversion of forest land (subject to a minimum no. of 100 plants), shall be levied from the User Agency towards Compensatory Afforestation. Accordingly, cost of raising 100 seedlings shall be proposed towards Compensatory Afforestation at the project cost to be paid by the User Agency, in lieu of diversion of 0.186 ha. of proposed forest land.

3. I am, therefore to request you to re-submit the proposal with the details of cost of raising of 100 seedlings to be paid by the User Agency as per the reference 2nd cited to Government immediately, for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

M. Megala
8/11/2023

for Deputy Secretary to Government

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