C.No.TS3/22890/2022

Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Forest Head Quarters Building, Guindy-Velachery Main Road, Guindy, Chennai-32.

Dated: 10.11.2023.

- Sub Forest (Conservation) Act. 1980 Online proposal for diversion of 0.1616 ha of forest land in Villupuram Forest Division for reconstruction of dilapidated head sluice, bed dam, retaining wall and culvert in Malattar Channel for supplying water to Tirukoilur and Ulundurpet Taluk tanks in Villupuram District Proposal forwarded Details called for Regarding.
- Ref 1 Online forest clearance proposal uploaded by the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, WRD, Lower Pennaiyar Basin Division, Villupuram Proposal No. FP/TN/IRRIG/51078/2020, dated 25.10.2020 and re-submission of proposal on 22.01.2021 and 29.07.2022.
 - 2 Part-II of Form-A uploaded by the District Forest Officer, Villupuram Division on 06.06.2023
 - 3 Part-III of Form-A uploaded by the Conservator of Forests, Villupuram Circle on 23.06.2023 and resubmission of proposal on 14.07.2023
 - 4 Principal Chief Conservator of Forests letter No. TS3/22890/2022 dated 28.07.2023.
 - 5 Government letter No. 6118/FR.10/2023-1, dated 06.11.2023

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Attention of the Conservator of Forests is invited to the references cited.

A copy of Government letter 5^{th} cited referred above is enclosed herewith and the details called for by the Government may be furnished urgently.

Sd/- S. Alayam, For Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force)

To

The Conservator of Forests, Villupuram Circle, Villupuram

Copy to the District Forest Officer, Villupuram Forest Division, Villupuram.

Copy to the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, WRD, Lower Pennaiyar Basin Division, Villupuram, Pin code 605602 (User Agency)

/ True copy / By order /

Senior Draughting Officer.





ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE & FOREST(FR.10) DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT, CHENNAI 9.

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

From Thiru.J.Mohanraman, B.Sc., B.Ed., 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), Thiruvennainallur 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.

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 ofcost 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. Megolo 8/11/2023 for Deputy Secretary to Government