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**ENVIRONMENT &
FORESTS(FR.10) DEPARTMENT,
SECRETARIAT, CHENNAI 9.**

Letter No.20575/ FR.10/2018-13, Dated: 15.10.2019

From
Thiru. Shambu Kallollikar, I.A.S.,
Principal Secretary to Government.

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Department),
Chennai-15.

Sir,

Sub: Forests - Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Tirunelveli Circle / Thoothukudi Forest Division - Proposal for diversion of 0.08 ha of forest land for 20 MGD Closed circuit Scheme for Water supply scheme in Thoothukudi District for drinking purpose in favour of Executive Engineer, TWAD Board, Thoothukudi – Orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in C.A.No.11935 of 2018 dated 04.02.2019 – Revised proposal - Regarding.

Ref: 1. Your Letter No.TS4/24793/2018, dated 22.10.2018 and 28.02.2019.
2. Orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 04.02.2019 in C.A.No.11935 of 2018 and batch cases.
3. Government Letter No.20575/FR.10/2018-9,dated 25.03.2019.
4. From the Assistant Inspector General of Forests, Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Chennai letter F.No.4-TNB033/2019-CHN/0610, dated 10.04.2019.
5. Your Letter No.TS4/24793/2018, dated 01.10.2019.

I am directed to invite your attention to the reference fourth cited wherein the Government of India have requested to take appropriate action on the subject proposal as per the provisions under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Rules / Guidelines issued there under by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India, since the category of the project would fall under General Approval category. In your letter fifth cited, the proposal of the Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board for diversion of 0.08 ha. of forest land for providing water supply under 20 MGD Water Supply Scheme for drinking as well as Industrial purpose has been recommended and it has been requested to obtain and communicate the approval of the Government of India for the said proposal. In this regard, I am to request you to send the following documents / particulars to Government for further consideration of the above proposal:-

- 1) Furnish and upload the revised Part-IV recommendation (in Original)
- 2) Also, the justification for recommending the proposal for drinking water purposes and the Industrial use, may be intimated, so as to forward the same to the Government of India;

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- 3) Since the User Agency, (i.e.) Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board had violated the provisions under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in the forest land diverted vide G.O.(Ms) No.18, Environment and Forests (FR.10) Department, dated 07.03.2008, furnish and upload the action taken for the said violations committed as per Sections 3B and 9 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Yours faithfully,

G. R. Sundarsh

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for Principal Secretary to Government

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