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IMPORTANT

F.No. 4-TNB033/2019-CHN/077

Date: 20th January, 2020

To,

The Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Tamil Nadu,
Environment & Forest Department,
Secretariat, Fort St. George,
Chennai-600 009.

Subject: 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 EE, TWAD board, Thoothukudi - **additional information/clarification required** - reg.

Reference: The State Government letter No 20575/FR.10/2018-14 dated 23.12.2019.

Sir,

In adverting to the above mentioned subject and reference of the State Government, it is requested to clarify the following.

1. The State Government has recommended the proposal subject to the decision of the District Collector, Thoothukudi as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and subject to the outcome of the final orders of the Hon'ble NGT (SZ) in OA 33 of 2019. The District Collector's decision as per the Hon'ble Supreme Court on supplying water for Industrial purposes and views of the State Government on the same shall be forwarded.
2. A copy of the reply Affidavit filed by the State Government in OA 33/2019 in Hon'ble NGT shall be provided along with the Status of the case.
3. It is seen that in the proposal, there are two kinds of violations. One is excess area utilization and the other violation is that of use of water for commercial purposes. State Government has mentioned that an amount of Rs.1,97,468 has been collected and remitted in the CAMPA Account. This penalty was imposed for which of the

above two violations needs to be clarified. The FC guideline provides for referring of such violations to REC for imposing the, penalty. Hence the reason for not referring the same to the committee may be informed.

4. The State Government shall report the action taken on the officials responsible for the violation(s) including the action taken under Section 3B of FCA, 1980.
5. The Reserved land notification of Srivaikundam Forest block along with the map needs to be provided by the State Government.
6. There are some discrepancies in the Eco class and density of Forest as reported by the DFO, Thoothukudi in part II of the proposal and the State Government letter No. 20575/FR.10/2018-14 dated 23.12.2019. The same may be reconciled and the correct Eco class and density of the area may be reported, in addition to furnishing of Part I to Part IV of the proposal in original.

Yours faithfully,

Enclosure: **As above**


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Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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