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To

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

Subject: Diversion of 9.83 ha. of forest land in Palaiyur RF of Maduranthagam range in Kancheepuram District for Cheyyur Mega Power Project in favour of the Director, Coastal Tamil Nadu Power Limited, New Delhi.

Sir,

Kindly refer to the State Government's letter No.28598/FR-10/2011-1 dated 10.05.2011 and PCCF, Tamil Nadu's letter No.TS3/40482/2009 dated 01.02.2012 seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above mentioned project.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am directed to convey Central Government's approval in-principle (Stage-I) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 9.83 ha. of forest land in Palaiyur RF of Maduranthagam range in Kancheepuram District for Cheyyur Mega Power Project in favour of the Director, Coastal Tamil Nadu Power Limited, New Delhi, for a period of 20 years, subject to the following conditions:-

1. The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of user agency. DGPS readings of the corner boundary points shall be furnished.
3. The identified non-forest land to an extent of 9.83 ha. proposed for Compensatory Afforestation shall be transferred and mutated in favour of State Forest Department.
4. The cost of raising Compensatory Afforestation over 9.83 ha. of identified non-forest land shall be deposited by the User Agency.
5. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring 9.83 ha. from User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos.826 in 566 with related IA's in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995.
6. 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 User Agency. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.

7. The funds received from User Agency towards Compensatory Afforestation and Net Present Value under this project shall be deposited either in SB A/c No.SB01025227-CAF Tamil Nadu, Corporation Bank, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003 (RTGS/IFSC No.CORP0000371) or in SB A/c No. 344902010105 433- TAMIL NADU CAMPA, Union Bank of India, Sundar Nagar, New Delhi-110003 (RTGS/IFSC No.UBIN0534498). The details of deposition of funds including, *inter-alia* the DD Numbers & date, Amount, the Bank on which drawn and the date of deposition in the designated Bank shall also be furnished.
8. Sufficient green-belt shall be maintained to replicate natural vegetation. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
9. Wherever technically viable, instead of felling, transplanting of trees will be resorted to.
10. State Government shall furnish necessary certificates as per the guidelines issued by Ministry of Environment & Forests vide letter No.11-9/1998-FC (Pt) dated 03.08.2009 under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006.
11. The total forest land utilised for the project shall not exceed 9.83 ha. Handing and taking over of land and commencement of work in the land shall be done within a period of two years from the date of Stage-II approval.
12. Any other condition that the Addl. PCCF (Central), Regional Office, Bangalore may impose from time to time for protection, improvement of flora and fauna in the forest area and public convenience shall also be applicable.

After receipt of the compliance report on conditions No.(2) to (10), the proposal will be considered for final approval. Transfer of forest land to User Agency shall not be effected prior to the issue of final approval. This in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 5 years. In the event of noncompliance of the above conditions, this in-principle approval shall automatically stand revoked after 5 years.

Yours faithfully,

(N.S. Murali)

Deputy Conservator of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

1. The Director General of Forests & Special Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Paryavaran Bhavan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi - 110 003.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Forest Department, No.1, Jeenis Road, Panagal Building, Chennai - 600 015.
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4. The Director, Coastal Tamil Nadu Power Limited, 1st Floor, "Urijanidhi", 1, Barakhamba Lane, New Delhi - 110 001.
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