

**TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT**

**From**

Thiru. T.K.Ashokkumar, I.F.S.,  
District Forest Officer,  
Coimbatore Division,  
Coimbatore-641043.

**To**

✓ The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,  
(Head of Forest Force),  
Chennai – 15.

**Through**

The Conservator of Forests and  
Field Director,  
Anaimalai Tiger Reserve,  
Coimbatore – 43.

**Ref.No.3953/2022/D1 dated. 23.01.2023**

Sir,

Sub: Forests (Conservation) Act,1980 – Coimbatore Forest Division – Online forest clearance proposal for diversion of 4.85 ha. of forest land in Pillur slope RF of Coimbatore Forest Division for improvement of 230KV Substation into 400 KV Substation at Parali in Coimbatore District – Details called for – Report submission - Regarding.

- Ref:
1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Head of Forest Force) Chennai Ref. No.TS3/43555/2021 Dated.14.07.2022
  2. The Superintending Engineer, General Construction Circle, Coimbatore – Lr. No. SE/GCC/CBE/AEE/MONT/F.Parali 400/230 KV SS / D.No.225/22, dated 05.08.2022
  3. This office Ref. No. 3953/2022/D1, dated 11.08.2022.
  4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Head of Forest Force) Chennai Ref. No.TS3/43555/2021 Dated.05.09.2022.
  5. This office Ref. No. 3953/2022/D1, dated 20.09.2022.
  6. The Govt. Lr. No. 18747/FR.10/2022-1, dated 20.12.2022.
  7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Chennai Ref. No. TS3/43555/2021, dated 03.0.2023.
  8. The Superintending Engineer, General Construction Circle, Ref. No. SE/GCC/CBE/AEE/Moni/F. Parali 400/230 KV SS/D.10/23, dated 13.10.2023.

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With reference to the additional details called for in the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Chennai reference 7<sup>th</sup> cited above is furnished as follows.

1. Regarding the Lease Period, it is submitted that, the lease rent for the Kundha Hydro Electric Project Phase III & IV in respect of Coimbatore Division is calculated from the year of 1961. However, the relevant records (Government orders for the diversion of above land during 1961) are not available in this office.

2. Regarding the Certificate for Settlement of rights under Forest Rights Act 2006 – The User Agency has stated that, a letter has been addressed to the District Collector, Coimbatore in this regard and the said certificate will be issued after pass resolution in Grama Shaba. The User Agency had also stated that, as per the Government of India Guidelines (File No. 11-43/2013-FC, dated 26.02.2019) the Certificate for Settlement of rights under Forest Rights Act 2006 will be furnished prior to issuance of Stage – II / final approval. In this regard the User Agency has also submitted an undertaking. A copy of the same is submitted herewith for taking further action.

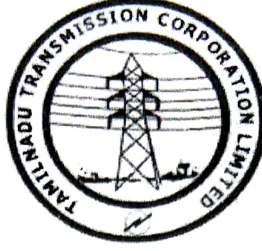
This is for favour of kind information.

Yours Faithfully,  
Sd/- T.K.Ashokkumar  
District Forest Officer  
Coimbatore Division.

Copy submitted to the Conservator of Forests & Field Director, Anamalai Tiger Reserve, Coimbatore.

//True copy/ By order//

  
Superintendent  
 23/01/23  
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**::TAMIL NADU TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LTD::  
(A SUBSIDY ENTITY OF TNEB LTD)**

From  
Er.S.SIVAPRAKASH, M.E, M.B.A.,  
Superintending Engineer,  
General Construction Circle,  
Coimbatore – 641 012.

To  
✓ The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,  
(Head of Forest Force),  
Forest Head Quarters Buildings,  
Velachery Main Road, Guindy  
Chennai – 600 032.

Lr.No.SE/GCC/CBE/AEE/Moni/F.Parali 400/230 KV SS /D. 10 /23, dt.13.01.2023

Sir,

Sub: TNEB - TANTRANSCO –Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 - Online Forest Clearance proposal for diversion of 4.85 ha of forest land in Pillur Slope RF in Coimbatore Forest Division for Improvement of existing 230 KV SS into 400 KV SS at Parali in Coimbatore District –Certificates under FRA to be issued by District Collector, Coimbatore – Furnishing prior to stage II approval – Reg.

Ref:1. (Per) FB.TANTRANSCO Proceedings No:21 dated 05.03.2019.

2. PCCF / Chennai's Letter No.:C. No.TS3/43555/2021, Dt.03.01.2023

3.Lr.No.SE/GCC/CBE/AEE/Moni/F.Parali 400/230 KV SS /D.04 /22, dt. 06.01.2023

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Online forest clearance proposal was uploaded in " PARIVESH" Portal vide Proposal No.FP/TN/Substation/149440/2021 on 19.11.2021for diversion of 4.85 Ha of forest landto improve existing 230KV substation into 400KV Substation at Parali in the existing TNEB premises bearing SF No.461 of Nellithurai Village, MettupalayamTaluk, Coimbatore District which envisaged as system strengthening measure to evacuate power from the Kundha Pumped Storage Hydro Electric Project Kundah VII (500 MW) at Kattukuppai and approved in the Board Proceeding cited (1).

The PCCF / Chennai had requested to uploadthe Certificate to be received from the District Collector for completion of rights under Forest Rights Act ` 2006 on the forest land proposed for diversion vide reference (2) cited based on the clarification raised from the Special Secretary (Forests) / Government of Tamil Nadu.

In this connection a letter under reference (3) cited was addressed to the District Collector /Coimbatore for getting the said certificate after passing resolution in Grama Shaba and which is being closely followed.(Copy Enclosed)

Meanwhile, it is to be stated that, the MoEF / GOI has issued guidelines to produce Forest Rights Act certificate during compliance of stage – II / Final approval vide File No. 11-43/2013-FC dated 26.02.2019.(Copy Enclosed)

Hence, in view urgency, for diversion of 4.85 Hectare s of forest land at Parali the forest clearance proposal may be processed and it is assured that the above certificate will be furnished prior to issuance of stage II / final approval. In this regard the following Undertaking is also furnished please.

**UNDERTAKING**

**It is undertaken that** the Certificate for settlement of rights under Forest Rights Act 2006 on the forest land proposed to be diverted in the format prescribed by the Government of India in letter F.No. 11-9/98-FC(pt) dated 05.07.2013 for non-linear project in Section K of form-A-Part-I will be furnished prior to issuance of stage – II approval for diversion of 4.85 Hectares of forest land at Parali, Pillur Slope, in Coimbatore District falls within the Jurisdiction of Nellithurai Village in Mettupalayam Tashils.

Yours faithfully,

  
**SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER  
GENERAL CONSTRUCTION CIRCLE  
COIMBATORE.**





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From  
Er.S.SIVAPRAKASH, M.E, M.BA.,  
Superintending Engineer  
General Construction Circle,  
Coimbatore – 641 012.

To  
The District Collector,  
Coimbatore District,  
Coimbatore.

Lr.No.SE/GCC/CBE/AEE/Moni/F.Parali 400/230 KV SS /D.04 /22, dt. 06.01.2023

Sir,

Sub: TNEB - TANTRANSCO –Improvement of existing 230 KV SS into 400 KV SS  
at Parali – Nellithurai Reserved Forest of Coimbatore Division – Forest  
Permission –Certain certificates to be issued by District Collector,  
Coimbatore –Requested –Regarding.

Ref :1. (Per) FB.TANTRANSCO Proceedings No:21 dated 05.03.2019.

2. ந.க. எண்.6858/2021/வ1 நாள் 16.11.2021.

3.PCCF / Chennai's Letter No.:C. No.TS3/43555/2021, Dt.18.12.2021

4.Lr.No.SE/GCC/CBE/AEE/Moni/F.Parali 400/230 KV SS /D.1365 /21,  
dt. 16.12.2021

5.PCCF / Chennai's Letter No.:C. No.TS3/43555/2021, Dt.03.01.2023

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In this regard a letter under ref (4) cited, was addressed to the District Collector / Coimbatore by requesting a CERTIFICATE for settlement of rights under Forest Rights Act 2006 on the forest land proposed to be diverted in the format prescribed by the Government of India in letter F.No. 11-9/98-FC9pt) dated 05.07.2013 for non-linear project in Section K of form-A-Part-I as requested by the Principle Chief Conservator of Forest (HOD), Chennai vide reference (3) .

Meanwhile, the proposal was processed by the PCCF/Chennai and forwarded to the Government of Tamil Nadu for scrutiny by requesting an exemption to produce such certificate because of the proposed land is already under the possession of TNEB since 1961 onwards and hence the settlement of rights of Schedule Tribes in the said premises may not arise.

**Further, it is to be stated that, necessary permission for felling of spontaneous growth trees located in the proposed land was also obtained from the Honourable Supreme Court of India on 14.11.2022 by filing Interlocutory Application No.98083 and 110001/2022 on WP 202/1995.**

Regarding forest clearance, during scrutiny by the Govt of TN, the Special Secretary(Forest)/ Environment, Climate Change & Forest Department /Secretariat /Chennai has requested to produce the said Certificate from the District Collector/Coimbatore for completion of Process as prescribed in FORM-II for projects other than linear projects which is enclosed herewith.

Hence, in order to salvage the power crisis problem by evacuating the power generated from the on-going Kundah Pumped Storage Hydro Electric Project, it is requested that required certificates mentioned in the enclosed FORM - II may please be issued for favour of getting forest permission and to take up the work of establishment of 400/230 KV Substation at Parali please.

Encl: FORM-II as received from the PCCF/Chennai

Yours faithfully,

  
**SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER  
GENERAL CONSTRUCTION CIRCLE  
COIMBATORE.**

Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
(FC Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan  
Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj  
New Delhi-110003

Dated: *26th February*  
January, 2019

To,  
The Principal Secretary/Secretary (Forests)  
All States/UTs Governments

**Sub: Compliance of the Schedule Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers  
(Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006-regarding**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to Forest (Conservation) amendment Rules 2016 as amended on 06th March, 2017 wherein inter-alia it has been provided that:

(e) *the District Collector shall*

*(i) complete the process of recognition and vesting of forest rights in accordance with the provisions of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (2 of 2007) for the entire forest land indicated in the proposal.*

*(ii) obtain consent of each Gram Sabha having jurisdiction over the whole or a part of the forest land indicated in the proposal for the diversion of such forest land and compensatory and ameliorative measures, if any, having understood the purposes and details of diversion, wherever required; and*

*(iii) forward his findings in this regard to the Conservator of Forests*

*(f) the entire process referred to in clause (e) shall be completed by the District Collector within the time period stipulated in these rules for grant of in-principle approval under the Act to the proposal.*

*(g) the Conservator of Forests shall examine the factual details and feasibility of the proposal, carry out site inspection in case the area of forest land proposed to be diverted is more than forty hectares, and forward the proposal along with his recommendations to the Nodal Office.*

I am also directed to refer to references/communications received from various State Governments seeking clarification on whether FRA certificate is to be submitted before Stage-II compliance or it has been submitted along-with proposal for seeking Stage-I approval.

It is clarified that within the time period stipulated for compliance of stage-I



condition, Deputy Commissioner shall complete the process of compliance of FRA (including forwarding its findings to the concerned CF). Hence for the purpose of the MoEF&CC, as per the provision under Forest (Conservation) amendment rules, 2016 the compliance under FRA is not required for consideration of in-principle approval. This has to be furnished by the state Govt. for consideration of the proposal by the ministry for final approval.

In view of the above, the State Governments are requested to adhere the provisions contained in Forest (Conservation) Amendment Rules, 2016 for FRA purpose while forwarding the proposal for seeking prior approval under Section 2 of Forest(Conservation) Act,1980 to this Ministry for consideration.

Yours faithfully,

(Shrawan Kumar Verma)  
Dy. Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. Prime Minister's Office
2. Secretary, Ministry of Mines, Government of India
3. Secretary, Ministry of Coal, Government of India
4. Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Government of India
5. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, all State/UT Governments
6. Nodal Officer, the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, all State/ UT Governments
7. All Regional Offices, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), GoI.
8. Joint Secretary in-charge, Impact Assessment Division, MoEF&CC, GoI
9. All Assistant Inspector General of Forests/ Directors in the Forest Conservation Division, MoEF&CC, GoI/Director, ROHQ, MoEF&CC, GoI/TO(FC)/TO(RoHQ).
10. Sr. Director (Technical), NIC, MoEF&CC with a request to place a copy of the letter on website of this Ministry.
11. Sr. PPS to the Secretary, MoEF&CC
12. Sr. PPS to the Director General of Forest & Special Secretary, MoEF&CC, GoI
13. Sr. PPS to the Addl. Director General of Forests (Forest Conservation), MoEF&CC, GoI.

Yours faithfully,

(Shrawan Kumar Verma)  
Dy. Inspector General of Forests

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