

TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

From
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To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
(Head of Department)
Guidny – Velacher Main road,
Guindy,
Chennai – 32.

Through
The Conservator of Forests,
Vellore Circle, Vellore.

Ref.No.2373/2021/D, Dated:22.05.2023.

Sir,

Sub: Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Proposals for diversion of 0.90 ha of Forest land in Pennaiyar RF for the construction of Fuse Plug pertaining to Thandampattu Taluk of Thiruvannamalai District furnished to the Government of India – Minutes of the meeting conducted by the IRO Chennai with the user agency on 21.11.2022 communicated – reg.

- Ref: 1. Online application uploaded by the User Agency – The Divisional Engineer, Highways Department, Construction and Maintenance, Thiruvannamalai Division, Thiruvannamalai Proposal No.FP/TN/IRRG/118339/2021, dated:03.01.2021.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) Chennai, Ref.No.TS3/1022/2021, dated:19.01.2021.
3. Part-II of Form-A uploaded by the District Forest Officer on 23.03.2022.
4. This Office Ref.No.2373/2021/D dt:24.03.2022.
5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) Chennai, Ref.No.TS3/1022/2021, dated:06.06.2022.
6. This Office Ref.No.2373/2021/D dt:14.06.2022.
7. The Conservator of Forests, Vellore Circle, Vellore Ref.No.3104/2022/D1 dt:17.06.2022.
8. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) Chennai, Ref.No.TS3/1022/2021, dated:06.07.2022.
9. E-mail received from the Government of India, MoEF&CC, IRO Chennai on 22.12.2022.
10. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) Chennai, Ref.No.TS3/1022/2021, dated:03.08.2022.
11. Government Lr.No.14151/FR.10/2022-2 dt:17.02.2023.
12. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) Chennai, Ref.No.TS3/1022/2021, dated:03.03.2023.

13. This Office Ref.No.2373/2021/D dt:21.03.2023.

14. The Executive Engineer, Middle Pennaiyar Division,
Thiruvannamalai Lr.No.120M/F.145/2023/JDO.2 dt:17.05.2023.

I submit that, as per the above reference 12th cited, it has been instructed to obtain Reply / comments on the observation / recommendations made in the site Inspection report sent by the Government of India from the User Agency (Field observations – Page 6 & 7 of inspection notes). Accordingly I furnish the details obtained from the User Agency as detailed below.

Based on the site inspection report by the Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central), Government of India, Ministry of Forests & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office (South Eastern Zone), Chennai Letter No.4-TNB097/2002-CHN/118, dt:27.01.2023, reply has been submitted by the User Agency i.e., Assistant Executive Engineer, WRD Sathanur Dam. As per the report, the maximum flood discharge of 2,57,227 cusecs was observed in Sathanur Reservoir during 9th December, 1972. This flood was the highest on record. Based on the recommendation of Dam Safety Review Panel, it is proposed to construct fuse plug based on probable maximum flood.

As per the report submitted by the user agency, since the occurrence of probable maximum flood is an uncertain event and have given undertaking, for pay and compensate all the expected damages (or loss) the proposal may be considered, for construction of fuse plug in Sathanur Reservoir.

Yours faithfully,


District Forest officer,
Tiruvannamalai Division,
Tiruvannamalai.

Copy Submitted to the Conservator of Forests, Vellore Circle, Vellore-9.