TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

From
Dr. H. Malleshappa, IFS.,
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
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To The Principal Secretary to Government, Environment and Forests Department, Secretariat, Chennai 600 009.

C.No.TS4/ 24793/2018, Dated: 28.02.2019.

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 to Thermal Power Project, SIPCOT complex, Heavy water plant and other industries in Thoothukudi District for drinking and industrial purpose - Online proposal sent by the User Agency - Regarding.

Ref: 1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Ref.No.TS4/ 24793/2018 dated 23.01.2019.

2. Government letter No. 20575/FR-10/2018-1, Dated: 01.02.2019.

3. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests ref.No. TS4/24793/2018, dt. 26.02.2019.

4. Government letter No. 20575/FR-10/2018-8, dt. 27.02.2019.

With reference to Government letter 4th cited, I wish to state that the proposal of TWAD board for diversion of 0.08 ha of forest land for 20 MGD Closed circuit Scheme for Water supply has been recommended for drinking water supply component only. The User Agency has violated the provision of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for excess area occupied for the scheme, it is not recommended for industrial use.

Revised Part IV of Nodal officer (FCA) recommendation is enclosed herewith. I agree with the recommendation of the Nodal Officer.

Yours faithfully

for Principal Chief Conservator of Forests

(Head of Department)

REVISED PART IV

(To be filed in by the Nodal Officer or Principal Chief Conservator of Forests or Head of Forest Department)

17. Detailed opinion and specific recommendation of the State Forest Department for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with remarks.

"Proposal for diversion of 0.08 ha of forest land for 20 MGD Closed circuit Scheme for Water supply scheme to Thermal Power Project, SIPCOT complex, Heavy water plant and other industries in Thoothukudi District for drinking and industrial purpose"

(While giving opinion, the adverse comments made by concerned Conservator of Forests or Deputy Conservator of Forests should be categorically reviewed and critically commented upon).

The User Agency has violated the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 by usage of excess forest area of 0.025 ha and by supply of water to industries other than allowed by State Government orders. For the violations by usage of excess area penalty has been imposed by District Forest Officer. Considering the above, the proposal is recommended for drinking water purpose only. It is not recommended for usage for Industrial purpose.

Date: 28.02.2019 Place: Chennai

Signature: Name : S. Yuvaraj, IFS.,

Official Seal:

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