

## TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

From  
Dr. P. Durairasu, IFS.,  
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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 .11.2019.**

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 in Thoothukudi District for for drinking purpose in favour of Executive Engineer, TWAD Board, Thoothukudi - Orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in C.A.No. 11935 of 2018 dt: 04.02.2019 – Revised proposal - Regarding.

- Ref: 1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Ref.No.TS4/ 24793/2018 dated 22.10.2018, 28.02.2019 and 13.06.2019.  
2. Orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 04.02.2019 in Civil Appeal Nos.11935 of 2018 and batch cases.  
3. Government letter No. 20575/FR-10/2018-8, dt. 25.03.2019  
4. From the Assistant Inspector General of Forests, Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Chennai letter F.No. 4-TNB033/2019-CHN/0610, dt: 10.04.2019.  
5. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Ref.No.TS4/ 24793/2018 dated 01.10.2019.  
6. Government letter No. 20575/FR.10/2018-13, dt: 15.10.2019.

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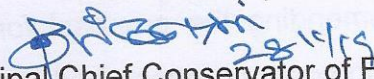
I wish to inform that the details called for in the Government letter 6<sup>th</sup> cited is furnished below.

Sl. No.	Details called for by the Government.	Reply of the Forest Department.
1	Furnish and upload the revised Part-IV recommendation (in original).	The revised Part-IV recommendation is Uploaded and the Part IV (in original) is enclosed herewith.
2	Also, the justification for recommending the proposal for drinking water purposes and the Industrial use, may be intimated, so as to forward the same to the Government of India;	Proposal for diversion of 0.08 ha forest land to TWAD Board is recommended both for Drinking and Industrial purposes for the reasons stated below: 1. The User Agency stated that the project is for providing drinking water supply to public, Industrial

		<p>townships, schools, hospitals and Industries of State owned/Central Government owned/Private Industries so as to provide employment opportunities and for upliftment of Socio-Economic status of the public in Thoothukudi District and also for Industrial growth.</p> <p>2. Subject to the decision taken by the District Collector, Thoothukudi as per Court order regarding quantum of water to be allotted to industrial purpose after fulfilling the present and future requirement of the public.</p> <p>3. Subject to the outcome of the final order of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal in OA.No.33/2019(SZ).</p>
3	<p>Since the User Agency, (i.e) Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board had violated the provisions under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.</p> <p>In the Forest land diverted vide G.O. (Ms) No.18, Environment and Forests (FR.10) Department, dt: 07.03.2008, furnish and upload the action taken for the said violations committed as per Sections 3B and 9 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.</p>	<p>For the violation, notice has been sent to the user Agency and the User Agency deposited the penalty amount of Rs.1,97,468/- (<i>One lakh ninety seven thousand four hundred and sixty eight</i>) in CAMPA account on 06.12.2018. This details have already been uploaded by the DFO, in the section 11 of Part-II of Form A.</p>

Encl.: As stated above.

Yours faithfully

  
 for Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
 (Head of Department)

  
 28/11/19

**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”**

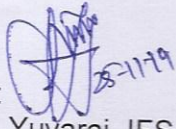
**Proposal No.FP/TN/IND/34099/2018**

(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).

Proposal for diversion of 0.08 ha forest land to TWAD Board is recommended both for Drinking and Industrial purposes for the reasons stated below.

1. The User Agency stated that the project is for providing drinking water supply to public, Industrial townships, schools, hospitals and Industries of State owned/Central Government owned/Private Industries so as to provide employment opportunities and for upliftment of Socio-Economic status of the public in Thoothukudi District and also for Industrial growth.
2. Subject to the decision taken by the District Collector, Thoothukudi as per Court order regarding quantum of water to be allotted to industrial purpose after fulfilling the present and future requirement of the public.
3. Subject to the outcome of the final order of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal in OA.No. 33/2019(SZ).

Date: 25.11.2019.  
Place: Chennai.

Signature:   
Name : S. Yuvaraj, IFS.,  
Official Seal:

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Forest Conservator Act)  
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