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ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE
& FOREST (FR.10) DEPARTMENT,
SECRETARIAT, CHENNAI 9.

Letter No.17155/FR.10/2022-2, dated 29.05.2023

From
Thiru. Anurag Mishra, IFS.,
Special Secretary (Environment, Climate Change)

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force),
Chennai – 32.

Sir,

Sub: Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Coimbatore Circle/
Coimbatore Forest Division - Proposal (FP/TN/Water/42869/
2020) for diversion of 0.21 ha forest area in Kuruchi Forest
Block I and II of Coimbatore Forest Division for providing water
supply for 8 added areas in Coimbatore District in favour of
the Executive Engineer, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and
Drainage Board, Major Projects Division, Coimbatore –
Clarification – Requested – Regarding.

- Ref: 1. Your letter No.TS3/3481/2020, dated 27.09.2022.
2. Government letter No.17155/FR.10/2022-1, dated
14.10.2022.
3. Your letter No. TS3/3481/2020, dated 08.05.2023.

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I am directed to invite attention to your letter first cited and to request you to clarify the following, for further consideration of the proposal :-

- i. As per Chapter 2 of Hand book of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, Compensatory Afforestation is one of the most important requirement for diversion of forest land for non-forest purposes. Hence, furnish the reason for non-submission of Compensatory Afforestation Scheme for the subject proposal.
- ii. In the subject proposal you have proposed a condition under S.No.(ix) that "If any maintenance work is under taken, the user agency shall seek written permission for the District Forest Officer". As per the Hand book of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 under Chapter J. Underground Gas / Water pipeline / OFC Project of PART C, no such condition is specified by the Government of India. Hence, indicate the reason for stipulating such a condition.

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- iii. As the above project proposal is to be implemented in Kuruchi Forest block I and II Reserve lands and not along the Right of Way, mention the category (i.e., Chapter 4.2 or Chapter 4.3) under which the above said proposal is to be considered by Government.

Yours faithfully,

F. J. Quithil

for Special Secretary (Environment, Climate Change)

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30/5/2023