

C.No.TS3/1022/2021

Office of the Principal Chief Conservator
of Forests (Head of Forest Force),
Panagal Maaligai, Saidapet, Chennai-15.

Dated: 06.06.2022.

Sub Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Revised online forest clearance proposal for diversion of 0.90 ha of forest land in Ponnaiyar RF for construction of fuse plug pertaining to Thandarampattu Taluk in Tiruvannamalai District – Proposal forwarded - Regarding.

- Ref 1 Online application uploaded by the Assistant Executive Engineer, PWD Sathanur Dam Tiruvannamalai District Proposal No. FP/TN/IRRIG/118339/ 2021, dated 03.01.2021 and resubmission of proposal on 26.01.2021 and 27.02.2021
- 2 Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Ref. No. TS3/1022/2021, dated 23.03.2021
- 3 Part-II of Form-A uploaded by the District Forest Officer, Tiruvannamalai Division on 23.03.2022
- 4 Part-III of Form-A uploaded by the Conservator of Forests, Vellore Circle on 04.05.2022

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Attention of the Conservator of Forests is invited to the references cited.

1) In the reference 1st cited, above, online forest clearance proposal has been uploaded by the Assistant Executive Engineer, PWD Sathanur Dam Tiruvannamalai District under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.90 ha of forest land in Ponnaiyar RF for construction of fuse plug pertaining to Thandarampattu Taluk in Tiruvannamalai District.

2) In the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests reference 2nd cited, proposal was forwarded to the District Forest Officer, Tiruvannamalai Division with instruction to process the proposal with reference to the guidelines issued in the forest Conservation Act, 1980.

3) As per the timeline details of the project proposal, the District Forest Officer has returned the proposal to the user agency on 06.09.2021 and 03.02.2022 and the user agency has resubmitted the proposal to the District Forest Officer, Tiruvannamalai Division on 04.01.2022 and 09.03.2022.

4) The District Forest Officer, Tiruvannamalai Division has forwarded the proposal to the Conservator of Forests, Vellore Circle on 23.03.2022 and for the query raised by the Conservator of Forests, Vellore Circle on 31.03.2022, reply has been furnished on 31.03.2022.

5) The Conservator of Forests, Vellore Circle has forwarded the proposal to the Nodal Officer through online on 04.05.2022.

6) Proposal received through online has been scrutinized and the following shortcomings have been noticed.

i) In the Part-II of Form-A under Section 4(ii), species wise and girth class wise, enumeration of 71 number of misc trees have been recorded. However in the recommendation of the project, the District Forest Officer has reported that around 68 number of trees to be felled for this project.

ii) Further, the status of trees to be felled-whether the trees were planted or spontaneous tree growth not mentioned in the project proposal.

iii) Forest area diversion has been requested by the PWD/WRD for construction of fuse plug in Sathanur Dam in Ponnaiyar Reserved Forests.

In the proposed area, 71 number of trees are to be felled. However, for the diversion of 0.90 ha of forest area and involving felling of 71 number of trees, the District Forest Officer, Tiruvannamalai Division has not proposed any CA scheme.

Above shortcomings may be rectified and hard copy of the proposal in triplicate copy may be furnished early.

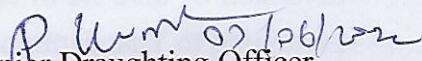
Sd/- V. Karunapriya,
For Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)

To
The Conservator of Forests, Vellore Circle, Vellore.

Copy to the District Forest Officer, Tiruvannamalai Division, Tiruvannamalai.

Copy to the Assistant Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Sathanur Dam, Tiruvannamalai District, Pin code 606070. (User Agency)

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Senior Draughting Officer.