

C.No.TS3/43555/2021

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

Dated: 14.07.2022.

Sub Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Online forest clearance proposal for diversion of 4.85 ha of forest land in Nellithurai RF of Coimbatore Forest Division for improvement of 230 kv Substation into 400 kv Substation at Parali in Coimbatore District – Proposal forwarded by the Circle - Regarding.

- Ref 1 Online forest clearance proposal uploaded by the Superintending Engineer, GCC, Transmission Line Construction (TANTRANSCO), Coimbatore-12 - Proposal No. FP/TN/Substation/149440/2021
- 2 Principal Chief Conservator of Forests ref. No. TS3/43555/2021, dated 08.12.2021, 21.04.2022 and 24.05.2022
- 3 Principal Chief Conservator of Forests ref. No. TS3/43555/2021, dated 01.06.2022
- 4 Part-II of Form-A uploaded by the District Forest Officer, Coimbatore Forest Division on 01.07.2022
- 5 Part-III of Form-A uploaded by the Conservator of Forests and Field Director, Anamalai Tiger Reserve, Coimbatore on 06.07.2022

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Attention of the Conservator of Forests and Field Director is invited to the references cited.

1) In the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests reference 3rd cited, online forest clearance proposal uploaded by the Superintending Engineer, GCC, Transmission Line Construction (TANTRANSCO), Coimbatore-12 under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 4.85 ha of forest land in Nellithurai RF of Coimbatore Forest Division for improvement of 230 kv Substation into 400 kv Substation at Parali in Coimbatore District has been forwarded to the District Forest Officer, Coimbatore Forest Division with instruction to process the forest clearance proposal in complete shape with reference to the guidelines issued under the forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and other Act and Rules in force within the timeline prescribed in the Act and shortcomings pointed out to the user agency.

2) In the reference 5th cited, the Conservator of Forests and Field Director has forwarded the proposal along with his recommendation of the project through online. Hard copy of the proposal is yet to be received from the Conservator of Forests and Field Director, Anamalai Tiger Reserve, Coimbatore.

3) In the Part-II of Form-A, the District Forest Officer has proposed compensatory afforestation scheme to an extent of 10.00 ha of land in four bits of the Compensatory land situated in Madukkarai area and furnished CA scheme.

i) The District Forest Officer has not reported the reason for selecting the Madukkarai CA area for planting of CA scheme for this project.

In the Compensatory Land obtained for other forest diversion proposal, CA scheme for the proposed new forest area diversion project should not be taken.

ii) The District Forest Officer may be informed to select alternate suitable degraded forest area elsewhere in the Division and to propose the CA scheme along with site suitability of the area.

4) The District Forest Officer has reported that the proposed forest diversion area forms part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant corridor, Wildlife Migration corridor etc., and details and comments on the impact of project on such areas reported as the proposed site falls in Nilgiris Biosphere Reserve. This land was already leased out to Tamil Nadu Electricity Board and hence there may not be much impact on wildlife.

The District Forest Officer may be informed to specifically report to whether the proposed forest diversion area is form part of National Park/ Wildlife Sanctuary/ Biosphere Reserve/ Tiger Reserve/ Elephant corridor/ Wildlife Migration corridor etc., and applicability of approval from the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India/ National Board for Wildlife/ State Board for Wildlife etc., for the project.

5) Forest area diversion has been requested by the user agency in Nellithurai RF. But, in the Site inspection report and recommendation of the proposal, name of the forest area reported as Pillur Slope RF. This should be clarified

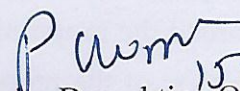
Shortcomings noticed mentioned in Para 3-i, ii, 4-i and 5 above may be rectified early.

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

To
The Conservator of Forests and Field Director, Anamalai Tiger Reserve, Coimbatore.
Copy to the District Forest Officer, Coimbatore Forest Division, Coimbatore for necessary action.

Copy to the Superintending Engineer, GCC, Transmission Line Construction (TANTRANSCO), No. 182, Dr. Subbarayan Road, Tatabad, Coimbatore 641012.
(User Agency)

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15/03/2022
Senior Draughting Officer.