

C.No.TS3/61585/2019

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

Dated: 04 .09.2020.

Sub Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Villupuram Circle/ Villupuram Forest Division – Setting up desalination plant at Koonimedu village for combined water supply scheme to Villupuram and Tindivanam Municipalities, 2 town panchayats, 692 rural habitations in 5 unions and Govt. Medical College and Hospital at Mundiyaipakkam in Villupuram District – Diversion of 16.00 ha of forest area in Koonimedi Reserved Land requested - Online Submission of proposal – Additional information requested by the Government of India - Regarding.

- Ref 1 Online application uploaded by the User Agency - Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board represented by Executive Engineer, TWAD Board, P.F. Division. No. 3, GST Road, Tindivanam PO, Villupuram District - Proposal No. FP/TN/Water/42977/2019
- 2 Part-II of Form-A uploaded by the District Forest Officer, Villupuram Division on 10.04.2020
- 3 Part-III of Form-A uploaded by the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Vellore Circle and Conservator of Forests (i/c), Villupuram Circle on 05.05.2020.
- 4 Principal Chief Conservator of Forests C. No. TS3/61585/2019, dated 27.05.2020
- 5 Government letter No. 6861/FR.10/2020-1, dated 20.07.2020
- 6 Government of India letter F. No. 4-TNC061/2020-CHN/632, dated 05.08.2020
- 7 Government letter No. 6861/FR.10/2020-2, dated 14.08.2020
- 8 EDS reply of User Agency in the Part-I of Form-A
- 9 EDS reply of District Forest Officer in Part-II of Form-A and EDS reply to CF.
- 10 EDS reply of Conservator of Forests to the Nodal Officer.
- 11 Government of India, MoEF&CC, RO Chennai Lr. No. 4-TNC061-2020-CHN/713, dated 04.09.2020

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Attention of the Conservator of Forests, Villupuram Circle is invited to the references cited.

In the Government of India reference 6<sup>th</sup> cited above, additional details on the proposal has been called for.

In the references 8<sup>th</sup> cited, the user agency has uploaded EDS reply letter of Superintending Engineer, TWAD Board, Cuddalore-Villupuram Circle, Cuddalore Ir No. 18820/F.DSP/AE1/Cud/2020, dated 18.08.2020 addressed to the District Forest Officer, Villupuram Division and undertaking on details of utilization of water supply project and map depicting the proposed Desalination Plant (DSP) component wise details.

In the reference 9<sup>th</sup> cited, in the EDS reply section, the District Forest Officer has uploaded letter No. 10309/2019/P1, dated 21.08.2020 and in this it has been reported that there are a total of 2093 trees to be felled Necessary corrections have been made in the proposal and the updated height and girth details have also been uploaded in the additional information details section (Part-II of Form-A).

However, in the details of species wise and girth-class enumeration details uploaded in Part-II of Form-A under 4.ii, details have been uploaded for 2086 trees only as against the report of 2093 trees to be removed for the project.

The District Forest Officer may be informed to correct the details of species wise and girth-class enumeration details uploaded in Part-II of Form-A under 4.ii for the reported 2093 trees.

Further, Part-I of Form-A and Part-II of Form-A have been modified with uploading of additional documents. Hence updated Part-I and Part-II of the project proposal may be furnished in triplicate urgently.

The Conservator of Forests is also requested to furnish the additional details called for by Government of India vide reference 11<sup>th</sup> cited immediately. A copy of reference 11<sup>th</sup> cited is enclosed for necessary action.

Encl : As stated above.

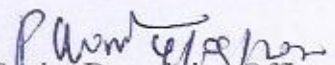
Sd/- B. Shanmugam,  
For Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Forest Force)

To  
The Conservator of Forests, Villupuram Circle, Villupuram.

Copy to the District Forest Officer, Villupuram Division, Villupuram for necessary follow up action.

Copy to the Executive Engineer, TWAD Board, RWS Division, Kallakuruchi for necessary action.

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Senior Draughting Officer.





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F.No. 4-TNC061-2020-CHN / 713

Date 04<sup>th</sup> September, 2020

To

The Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of Tamil Nadu,  
Environment & Forests Department,  
Secretariat, Fort St. George, Chennai - 600 009

Subject: Diversion of 16 ha of Forest Area in Koonimedu Reserved Land for setting up desalination plant at Koonimedu Village for CWSS in Villupuram District in favour of Executive Engineer, TWAD Board, Kallakurichi District-Additional information required -reg

Reference: Government of Tamil Nadu letter No.6861/FR.10/2020-1 dated 20.07.2020

Sir,

Please refer to the subject and reference and it is to inform that the Regional office, Chennai requested state government to submit the following information /documents and same is still awaited;

- In online application, DFO reported that 2319 number of trees or enumerated in the forest area proposed for diversion. However, in all other documents, it has been mentioned 2092 number of trees are to be felled. Hence actual number of trees existing in the area and number of trees to be felled may be reported;
- Status of obtaining of CRZ clearance may be reported;
- Map clearly depicting the proposed component wise details may be furnished;
- Soil conservation plan to prevent soil erosion may be prepared and furnish the same;
- Undertaking from the UA to the effect that the desalinated water will be utilized for drinking water purpose only;
- The UA has proposed 7.5 ha (half of the forest area proposed for diversion) for green belt area and for future expansion. Hence, DFO may

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be directed to rework on barest minimum forest area required for the project;

- g. UA proposed 16 ha of forest area in the middle of the forest block and which may leads to fragmentation and make it difficult for protection and management of forest area. Hence, State Government is requested to resurvey the area and propose actual/ barest minimum forest area in one side of the forest area. Revised map duly countersigned by the DFO concerned may be uploaded in the online application.

The subject proposal was considered by the Regional Empowered Committee (REC) inn its meeting held on 14.08.2020 and decided to defer the proposal and consider the same after receipt of the additional information as sought by the Regional Office and to seek the following additional information from the State Government;

1. State Government shall submit detailed report on purposes for which desalinated water will be utilized with quantity of water allocation for each purpose.
2. Certificate from the concerned competent authority to the effect that the non-forest area identified for CA purpose is free from encroachment and litigation.

In view of the above, I am directed to request to submit above mentioned additional information / documents at the earliest.

In addition to the above, I am directed to forward the copy of the representation received by mail on 12.08.2020 from Shri M.Vallathan, Nochikuppam Village Administration Committee and it is to request to look in to the matter and may please submit detailed report on the same to this office

Yours faithfully

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(L.Chandrasekar)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Forest Department, No.1, Jeenis Road, Panagal Building, Saidapet, Chennai - 600

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2. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Forest Department, No.1, Jeenis Road, Panagal Building, Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015.

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