

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

Abstract

Forests - Diversion of 4.724 ha. of Forest Land in Kodimangalam 'A" block Reserve forest in favour of M/s. Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd., for the construction of 400 K.V. Madurai Pugalur Double Circuit transmission line in Madurai District - Proposal under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Orders - Issued.

Environment and Forests (FR.10) Department.

G.O.Ms.No.111

Dated : 3.10.2007

Read :

1. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai, Ref.No.TS4/3630/2006, Dated 8.8.2006.
2. Government Letter No.21034/FR.10/06-1, Dated 12.9.2006.
3. From the Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Bangalore Letter No.4-TNB.275/2007-BAN, Dated 7.5.2007. .
4. Government Letter No.21034/FR.10/2006-6, Dated 30.7.2007.
5. From the Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Bangalore, Letter No. 4-TNB.275/2007-BAN.671, Dated 20.8.2007.

In the reference first read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has sent a proposal under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 4.724 ha. of forest land in Kodimangalam 'A" block Reserve forest in favour of M/s. Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd., for the construction of 400 K.V. Madurai Pugalur Double Circuit transmission line in Madurai District.

2. In the reference second read above, the proposal was forwarded to the Inspector General of Forests (Central), Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Regional Office, Southern Zone, Bangalore for obtaining Government of India's concurrence.

3. The Government of India, in their letter third read above conveyed their approval in principle (Stage-I) for diversion of 4.724 ha. of forest land in Kodimangalam 'A" block Reserve forest Madurai Forest Division in favour of

M/s. Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd., for the construction of 400 K.V. Madurai Pugalur Double Circuit transmission line in Madurai District subject to certain conditions. The Government of India had also reported that final approval order for diversion of forest area under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 would be issued on receipt of State Government's report on compliance of those conditions.

4. In the reference fourth read above, the Compliance Report furnished by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests was forwarded to the Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Bangalore with a request to accord Stage-II approval for diversion of 4.724 ha. of forest land in Kodimangalam 'A' block Reserve forest in favour of M/s. Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd., for the construction of 400 K.V. Madurai Pugalur Double Circuit transmission line in Madurai District.

5. In the reference fifth read above, the Government of India have now conveyed their Stage-II approval for diversion of the above said forest land subject to the following conditions:-

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The Compensatory Afforestation (CA) shall be raised over 9.45 ha. of degraded forest land at the cost of User Agency.
3. The funds received from the User Agency towards Compensatory Afforestation (CA) & Net Present Value (NPV) under this project shall be transferred to Ad-hoc CAMPA (Compensatory Afforestation Management and Planning Authority) in account number CA-1579 of Corporation Bank, Block-II, CGO Complex, Phase-I, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110 003.
4. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 4.724 ha. In case the land is not used for the stipulated purpose, then the area will be resumed by the Forest Department.
5. Only minimum number of trees shall be cut based on actual requirement for laying the KV line.

6. The Government accordingly, direct that 4.724 ha. of forest land in Kodimangalam 'A' block Reserve forest in Madurai Division be diverted to M/s. Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd., for the construction of 400 K.V. Madurai Pugalur Double Circuit transmission line in Madurai District subject to the conditions stipulated by the Government of India in para 5 above.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests is requested to incorporate any other suitable conditions which are necessary for the above said diversion of the forest land.

8. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests is requested to pursue further action with reference to the conditions stipulated in para 5 above and send a report to Government.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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