

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

ABSTRACT

FORESTS – Diversion of 5.50 ha. of forest land in Puliyancholai Reserve Forest, Salem Division, Namakkal District for execution of 20 MW Kollimalai Hydro Electric Project in favour of Tamil Nadu Electricity Board (TNEB) - Proposal under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (FR.10) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms).No.37

Dated: 24.4.2008.

Read:

- 1) From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Chennai, Ref. No. TS3/29477/2000, Dated 7.2.2001.
- 2) Government Letter No.4792/FR.11/01-1, Dated 9.3.2001.
- 3) From the Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Bangalore Letter No.F(C)A/16.1/29/TN/HEP/2337, dated 28.2.2003.
- 4) From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai Ref. No.TS3/26736/2005, Dated 25.2.2008.
- 5) From the Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Letter No.F(C)A/16.1/29/TN/HEP/2143, dated 14.3.2008.

ORDER:

In the reference first read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests sent a proposal under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 5.50 ha. of forest land in Puliyancholai Reserve Forest, Salem Division, Namakkal District for execution of 20 MW Kollimalai Hydro Electric Project in favour of Tamil Nadu Electricity Board (TNEB).

2. In the reference second read above, the proposal was forwarded to Chief Conservator 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 stage-I in principle approval for diversion of 5.50 ha. of forest land in Puliyancholai Reserve Forest, Salem Division, Namakkal District for execution of 20 MW Kollimalai Hydro Electric Project in favour of Tamil Nadu Electricity Board (TNEB), subject to certain conditions. The Government of India had, also, reported that final approval order for diversion of Forest area under section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act. 1980 would be issued on receipt of State Government's report on compliance of those conditions.

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4. In the reference fourth read above, the Compliance Report was furnished by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests directly to the Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Bangalore with a request to accord Stage -II approval for diversion of 5.50 ha. of forest land in Puliyancholai Reserve Forest, Salem Division, Namakkal District for execution of 20 MW Kollimalai Hydro Electric Project in favour of Tamil Nadu Electricity Board (TNEB).

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 demarcation of 5.50 ha. of forest land shall be carried out by erecting cement concrete pillars duly numbered at the cost of user agency.
3. Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised over 14.20 ha. of identified non-forest land at S.No.1/2 of Mallikarai village in Attur taluk, Salem District at the cost of user agency. The State Government shall obtain prior permission of Central Government for change of location and schedule of CA if any.
4. Non-forest land for Compensatory Afforestation shall be notified by the State Government as RF/PF under Indian Forest Act, 1927 or the State Forest Act within a period of 6 months and Nodal Officer (FC) shall report the compliance within 6 months.
5. The funds received from the user agency towards Compensatory Afforestation & Net Present Value under this project shall be transferred to Ad-hoc CAMPA in account number CA-1579 of Corporation Bank, Block-II, CGO Complex, Phase-I, Lodhi Road, New Delhi - 110 003.
6. Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the user agency. The user agency shall furnish the undertaking to this effect.
7. No labour camps will be set up in the forest area.
8. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 5.50 ha. In case the land is not used for the stipulated purpose, then the area will be resumed by the Forest Department.

6. The Government accordingly, direct for diversion of 5.50 ha. of forest land in Puliyancholai Reserve Forest, Salem Division, Namakkal District for execution of 20 MW Kollimalai Hydro Electric Project in favour of Tamil Nadu Electricity Board (TNEB), 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 forest land. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests is, also, 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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SECTION OFFICER.