

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

Abstract

Forests - Diversion of 2.13 ha. of forest land in Puliyarai Reserve Forest, Tirunelveli Division for laying Tirunelveli Edamon 400 K.V. transmission line by M/s. Power Grid Corporation of India Limited, Tirunelveli District - Proposal under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Orders - Issued.

Environment and Forests (FR.10) Department.

G.O.Ms.No.45

Dated : 4.6.2008

Read :

1. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai, Ref.No.TS4/15422/2007, Dated 17.3.2007.
2. Government Letter No.7189/FR.10/07-1, Dated 18.6.2007.
3. From the Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Bangalore Letter No.4-TNB.378/2007-BAN, Dated 18.10.2007. .
4. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai Letter No.15422/07, dated 12.3.2008 addressed to Government of India and copy marked to Government.
5. From the Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Bangalore, Letter No. 4-TNB.378/2007-BAN.2261, Dated 15.4.2008.

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 2.13 ha. of forest land in Puliyarai Reserve Forest, Tirunelveli Division for laying Tirunelveli Edamon 400 K.V. transmission line by M/s. Power Grid Corporation of India Limited, Tirunelveli District

2. In the reference second read above, the proposal was forwarded to the 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 have conveyed their Stage - I approval in principle for diversion of 2.13 ha. of forest land in Puliyarai Reserve Forest, Tirunelveli Division for the said project subject to certain conditions and that final approval for diversion of forest land 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 Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has furnished the compliance report directly to the Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Bangalore with a request to accord Stage-II approval for the proposal in question.

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

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised over double the extent of degraded forest land at the cost of User Agency.
3. The funds received from the User Agency towards Compensatory Afforestation and Net Present Value under this project shall be transferred to Ad-hoc CAMPA account number C.A.-1579 of Corporation Bank, Block-II, CGO Complex, Phase-1, Lodhi Road, New Delhi - 110 003.
4. Felling and trimming of trees will be carried out under the strict supervision and direction of the Forest Department and will be kept to the barest minimum.
5. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 2.13 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 2.13 ha. of forest land in Puliyarai Reserve Forest, Tirunelveli Division for laying Tirunelveli Edamon 400 K.V. transmission line by M/s. Power Grid Corporation of India Limited, Tirunelveli 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 condition that is necessary for the above said diversion of the forest land and send a report to Government.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

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/Forwarded by order/

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