

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

ABSTRACT

Forests - Diversion of 2.03 ha. of forest land in Jarugumalai Reserve Forest of Salem district to Tamil Nadu Electricity Board for laying 22 K.V. transmission line from Nilavarapatty - Moolaikkadu to Melur Jarugumalai to provide infrastructure facilities to the tribals living in Jarugumalai hills - Proposal under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Orders issued.

ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (FR.10) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms) No.58

Dated: 24.5.2007

Read:

- 1) From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Letter Ref..No. TS3/44011/2003, dated 4.12.2003
- 2) Government Letter No.25257/FR.10/2003-1 dated 7.1.2004
- 3) From the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Regional Office, Southern Zone, Bangalore Lr. No.F©A/11.2/147/TN/TL/1242 dated 18.8.2004
- 4) Government Lr. No. 25257/FR.10/2004-11, Dated 13.2.2007.
- 5) From the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Regional Office, Southern Zone, Bangalore Lr. No.F©A/11.2/147/TN/TL/2384 dated 6.3.2007

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ORDER:

In the reference first cited, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has sent a proposal under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 2.03 ha. of forest land in Jarugumalai Reserve Forest of Salem district to Tamil Nadu Electricity Board for laying 22 K.V. transmission line from Nilavarapatty - Moolaikkadu to Melur Jarugumalai to provide infrastructure facilities to the tribals living in Jarugumalai hills

2. In the reference second cited, the proposal was forwarded to Deputy Conservator of Forests, Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Regional Office, Southern Zone, Bangalore for obtaining their concurrence.

3. In the reference third cited, the Government of India accorded their Stage-I approval (in-principle) for diversion of 2.03 ha. of forest land in Jarugumalai Reserve Forest of Salem district to Tamil Nadu Electricity Board for laying 22 K.V. transmission line from Nilavarapatty - Moolaikkadu to Melur Jarugumalai to provide infrastructure facilities to the tribals living in Jarugumalai hills, subject to certain conditions and also informed that after receipt of the compliance report of the conditions stipulated therein, final approval will be accorded.

4. In the reference fourth cited, 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 2.03 ha. of forest land in Jarugumalai Reserve Forest of Salem district to Tamil Nadu Electricity Board for laying 22 K.V. transmission line from Nilavarapatty - Moolaikkadu to Melur Jarugumalai to provide infrastructure facilities to the tribals living in Jarugumalai hills.

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

- 1) The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
- 2) Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised over 4.50 ha of degraded forest land at the cost of user agency.
- 3) 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 C.A.1579 of Corporation Bank -II. CGO Complex, Phase-I, Lodi Road, New Delhi 110 003.
- 4) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 2.03 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 for diversion of 2.03 ha. of forest land in Jarugumalai Reserve Forest of Salem district to Tamil Nadu Electricity Board for laying 22 K.V. transmission line from Nilavarapatty - Moolaikkadu to Melur Jarugumalai to provide infrastructure facilities to the tribals living in Jarugumalai hills 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 in due course.

(By Order of the Governor)

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To

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SECTION OFFICER.