



## ABSTRACT

Forests – Wildlife – Proposal for environmental mitigation measures for the parameters related to impact on corals and marine ecosystem in lieu of establishment of Thermal Power Project at Tuticorin- A sum of Rs.18.00 lakhs released - Orders issued.

### ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND FORESTS (FR.5) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(D) No.3

Dated: 06.01.2022

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Read:

From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden Letter No.WL5(A) / 376/2011, dated 01.03.2018.

### ORDER: -

In the letter read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Chief Wildlife Warden has stated that the Coastal Regulation Zone clearance for the development facilities for the proposed 2 X 500 MW NLC-Thermal Power Plant was granted by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change Department. The Wildlife clearance for the said plant was issued by the National Board for Wildlife, subject to the following conditions:-

"The Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal in view of the distance of more than 6.00 km of the project from Gulf of Mannar Marine National Park, National need of power production and environmental mitigation measures provided in the Environmental Clearance. The Committee also agreed that a strict monitoring regime should be put in place by the Forest Department for the parameters related to impact on corals and marine eco system. Cost for this will be borne by M/s.Neyveli Lignite Corporation (NLC). An amount of Rs.1.00 crore will be placed with the Chief Wildlife Warden for this purpose by the project proponent. The monitoring set up must be in place within one year from the date of remittance. The measure suggested by the Forest Department addressing the issues identified as impact on biodiversity as a result of the monitoring shall be adopted by the project scrupulously". Accordingly, a sum of Rs.1.00 crore has been received from M/s. Neyveli Lignite Corporation Power Limited.

2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden has now requested to sanction a sum of Rs.24.00 lakh, out of Rs.1.00 Crore deposited by the Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited towards taking up mitigation measures in Gulf of Mannar Marine National Park, Ramanathapuram.

(P.T.O)

3. After careful examination, the Government accord sanction a sum of Rs.18,00,000/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakhs only) lakhs for taking up mitigation measures in Gulf of Mannar Marine National Park from the amount of Rs.1.00 Crore deposited by M/s. Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited for the following items of works:-

Sl. No	Description of Works	Units	Amount (Rs. Lakhs)
1.	Conducting of detailed baseline data collection on the marine flora and fauna including ecologically sensitive habitats (Corals and sea grasses) and fish population and comparison of data with baseline data collected during Environment Impact Assessment study prior to start of the project.	LS	12.00
2.	Monitoring of temperature & salinity (both surface and bottom water) at once in 15 days (fortnightly) totally 24 times in years.	LS	3.00
3.	Supply of fuel for monitoring by way of patrolling and enforcement by the protection staff of Gulf of Mannar Marine National Park @ 100 Liters petrol or diesel per month.	1200 Liters	1.00
4.	Monitoring & Documentation	LS	1.00
5.	Contingency	LS	1.00
	<b>Total</b>		<b>18.00</b>

4. The amount sanctioned in para 3 above shall be debited in to the following Head of Account:-

"2406-Forestry and Wild Life 02 – Environmental Forests and Wild Life 110 – Wildlife Preservation– States Expenditure AN- Gulf of Mannar Biosphere Reserve Trust 309 – Grants in Aid 01 – Grants for Government Expenditure"

DP Code "2406 – 02 – 110 – AN - 30901"

5. Necessary additional funds of Rs.18,00,000/- will be provided in RE/FMA 2021-2022. Pending provision of such funds, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests is authorized to draw and utilize the amount sanctioned in para-3 above. However, this expenditure shall be brought to the notice of the Legislature by

Specific Inclusion in the Supplementary Estimate 2021-2022. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests is directed to include this item of expenditure while sending the Budget proposal for RE/FMA 2021-2022 and also send draft explanatory note for inclusion of the expenditure in the Supplementary Estimate 2021-2022 to Government in Finance (AHD&F/BG-I) Department at an appropriate time without fail.

6. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide its U.O. No.58314/AHD&F/2021, dated: 03.01.2022 with ASL No.1321 (One thousand three hundred and twenty one)

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

SUPRIYA SAHU  
ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To  
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Department), Chennai-15.  
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
and Chief Wildlife Warden,  
Chennai-15.  
The Accountant General, Chennai-18.  
The Treasury Officer concerned.

Copy to:

The Finance (AHD&F/ BG-I/BGII/W&M-I) Department, Chennai-9.  
The Special Personal Assistant to Hon'ble Minister (Forests),  
Chennai-9.  
The Private Secretary to the Additional Chief Secretary,  
Environment, Climate Change and Forests Department,  
Chennai-9.

/FORWARDED BY ORDER/

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SECTION OFFICER  
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