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To

The Principal Secretary,
Government of Kerala,
Forests & Wildlife (C) Department,
Secretariat, Thiruvananthapuram,
Kerala, PIN – 695 001.

Subject: Diversion of 0.2 ha. of forest land in Ranni Forest Division for providing water supply scheme to Seethathodu Panchayath and Nilakkal, Plappally area in Perunad Panchayath in Pathanamthitta District in favour of Kerala Water Authority, Project Division, Adoor -reg.

Sir,

Please refer to State Government letter No.FWLD-C1/9/2020/FWLD dated 30/01/2020 seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section'2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above-mentioned project.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am directed to convey the Central Government in-principle approval (**Stage-I**) under Section'2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.2 ha. of forest land in Ranni Forest Division for providing water supply scheme to Seethathodu Panchayath and Nilakkal, Plappally area in Perunad Panchayath in Pathanamthitta District, in favour of Kerala Water Authority, Project Division, Adoor, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The boundary of the forest land to be diverted shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost as per the directions of concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
3. The cost of raising plantation of ten times the number of trees to be felled shall be realised from the user agency. The location of the area identified for raising the plantation shall be furnished for considering Stage-II clearance.
4. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value for 0.2 ha. of forest area to be diverted under this proposal from the user agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos.826 in 566 with related IA's in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995.
5. Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the user agency. The user agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.

