



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Forest & Wildlife (C) Department
29-07-2022, Thiruvananthapuram

No.C3/165/2022/F&WLD

From

The Principal Secretary to Government

To

The Deputy Conservator of Forests (Central),
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,
Government of India,
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Sir,

Sub: Forest & Wildlife Department - Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980
- Proposal for diversion of 17.263 ha of forest land for
construction of Twin Tunnel with Four Lane Approaches for
providing direct connectivity between Anakkampoyil Kalladi-
Meppady road in Kozhikode and Wayanad District - reg

Ref: Letter no. FC1-3619/2021 dated 15.07.2022 from the Additional
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Nodal Officer, F(C) Act,
Thiruvananthapuram.

I am directed to recommend and forward the proposal in Form A
under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of
17.263 ha of forest land (7.956 ha of forest land in Kozhikode Division
and 9.307 ha of forest land in Wayanad South Division) for
construction of Twin Tunnel with Four Lane Approaches for providing
direct connectivity between Anakkampoyil Kalladi-Meppady road in
Kozhikode and Wayanad District. The Executive Engineer, PWD,
Kozhikode is the User Agency. The project requires a major bridge
across Iravanhipuzha at Marippuzha.

As per the inspection report, the forests type of the forest patches
on the hillock are semi evergreen with canopy density of 50 to 75%. A

total of 96 trees has to be felled for the project under Kozhikode Division at the portion where bridge is proposed for construction over the river in starting. Wildlife typical of Western Ghat area are found in the forest including Elephant, Tiger, Leopard, Gaur etc. Alternate alignment of the tunnel would require more forest area. The muck disposal shall be done on 5 Acres of land in non-forest land. Malabar Wildlife Sanctuary is at a distance of 32 Km from the proposed tunnel site. The area proposed for diversion is a part of Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve and the nature of forest is of semi evergreen and deciduous type with canopy density of 25 to 50%. The gradients are steep on the outer portion of the hillock and is prone to landslides. There are 63 species of birds, 12 species of Mammal, 28 species of Butterflies, 3 species of Amphibians, 4 species of Odonates and 7 species of Reptiles. No trees are to be felled under South Wayanad Division. The area proposed for diversion is found to be barest minimum.

The proposed area is not important from the Archaeological/ Heritage/ Defense point of view. The requirement of forest land proposed by the User Agency is bare minimum. No displacement of families is required. The proposal already is uploaded in Union Ministry's website vide proposal No. FP/KL/ROAD/148616/2021 land due procedures completed.

In the circumstance, the proposal is submitted for according Stage I (in principle) approval, subject to the following conditions:-

1. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
3. The User Agency shall make online payment of cost of Compensatory Afforestation, Net Present Value through e-payment module of forest clearance portal. (forestclearance.nic.in)
4. Additional amount of Net Present Value 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 State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.

5. All the funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).
6. Necessary certificates/documents under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change vide letter No. 11-9/1998-FC(pt) dated 05.07.2013 shall be furnished before Stage-II clearance.
7. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
8. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
9. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
10. The forest area shall be used only for the purpose for which it is granted. The total forest area utilized for this project shall not exceed 17.263 ha.
11. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Government of India.
12. The User Agency has to sign an agreement with Divisional Forest Officer incorporating all the conditions imposed by Government of India/Government of Kerala in this regard and lease rent as decided by the Government of Kerala may be remitted.
13. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).
14. The User Agency shall apply for renewal after 25 years.
15. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.

16. Violation of any of the above conditions will warrant to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per guidelines issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change vide F. No. 11-42/2017-FC dated 29/01/2018.

Yours faithfully



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For Principal Secretary to Government