



**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA**

Forest & Wildlife (C) Department

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No.C3/240/2021/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 - Proposal for diversion of 17.073 ha of forest land under section 2 Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for construction of 400 KV Quad D/c Uduppi-Kasaragode Transmission line - reg

Ref: Letter no.FC1-5007/2020 dated 12.10.2021 from the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer.

A proposal (3 set hard copies) along with the required appendices, duly recommended is forwarded herewith for diversion of 17.073 ha of forest land in Kasaragode Forest Division for the construction of 400 KV Quad D/c Uduppi-Kasaragode Transmission line in favour of the Chief Manager, Uduppi Kasaragode Transmission Ltd., New Delhi.

The proposal is for construction of 400 KV Quad D/c Uduppi-Kasaragode Transmission line under Kasaragode Division in Kasaragode District. The User Agency has proposed 22.17 ha of Revenue land in Kammadamkavu as non forest land for Compensatory Afforestation. After adjusting 17.073 ha of Kammadamkavu out of 22.17 ha, the remaining 5.097 ha land can be kept as reserve land for utilizing against Compensatory Afforestation for future projects.



The Divisional Forest Officer, Kasaragode and the Chief Conservator of Forests (Northern Circle) Kannur specifically recommended the proposal. In the inspection reports it is mentioned that the the proposed forest area required for diversion falls in Karaduka Reserve Forest. The length of the transmission line in above forest area is 3711 metres. The total area of forest land required for the work of transmission line is  $3711 \text{ M} \times 46 \text{ M} = 17.073 \text{ ha}$ . 5588 nos of trees have been enumerated under less than 60 cm gbl and 543 teak poles have also been enumerated to be under the proposed corridor. There is no need for removal of any boundary pillars or building from the above area. No rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna are found in the area. The majority of the traverse path is characterized by monoculture plantations and in some portion natural vegetation is seen where the forest type is mostly moist deciduous in nature and interspersed with some semi evergreen patches. The requirement of forest land proposed by the User Agency is unavoidable and the barest minimum. No alternate arrangement is feasible. The proposal is already uploaded in PARIVESH portal vide proposal No. FP/KL/ROAD/41264/2019 and all due procedures have been completed.

Hence, the proposal is submitted for consideration and 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 and Net Present Value with ad-hoc CAMPA through e-payment module of forest clearance portal. (forestclearance.nic.in)
4. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the



diverted forest land of 17.073 ha from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos 826 in 566 with related IA's in WP(C)202/1995.

5. 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 by the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.

6. 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/](https://parivesh.nic.in/)).

7.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.

8.The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.

9. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.

10. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.

11.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 17.073 h.a.

12. 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.

13.The User Agency shall sign an agreement with Forest Department before transfer of the land to the User Agency.

14. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal([https://](https://parivesh.nic.in/)



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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 shall strictly be complied by the User Agency.

16. The User Agency shall apply for renewal after 25 years.

17. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change Guideline F.No.11-42/2017-FC dated 29/01/2018.

Yours faithfully,



Rajesh Kumar Sinha  
Principal Secretary