



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Forest & Wildlife (C) Department

No.C3/39/2024/F&WLD

29-02-2024, Thiruvananthapuram

From

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government

To

The Deputy Inspector General of Forest (Central),
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change,
Regional Office (Southern Zone), Kendriya Sadan,
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II nd Block, Koramangala, Bangalore - 560 034

Sir,

Sub: Forest & Wildlife Department - Proposal for diversion of 0.0243 ha of forest land under Section 2 of F(C) Act, 1980 for the purpose of laying drinking water pipeline at Randampuzha through vested forest under Choolanoor Section of Alathoor Range in Nemmara Division - forwarding of - reg

Ref: Letter no. FC1-29/2024 dated 17.01.2024 from the Chief Conservator of Forests, Nodal Officer, Thiruvananthapuram.

I am to invite your attention to the reference cited and to forward herewith the online proposal no. FP/KL/Pipeline/145441/2021 in Form A under Section 2(ii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.0243 ha of forest land in Nemmara Forest Division for laying drinking water pipeline at Randampuzha Drinking Water Supply Scheme in Kizhakkenchery Grama Panchayath for laying pipeline received vide reference cited above. Assistant Engineer, LSGD Section, Kizhakkenchery is the user agency.

In the site inspection report, Divisional Forest Officer, Nemmara has

mentioned that, the proposal is for laying drinking water pipeline at Randampuzha through Puzhakkalidam Malavaram vested forest. A total extent of 0.0243 Ha in Puzhakkalidam Malavaram (VFC Item No. 37/1) vested forest at two different locations with dimensions (1) 447 x 0.5 Meter (0.02235 Ha), (2) 39 x 0.5 Meter (0.00195 Ha) is required for implementing the proposed project. Moreover, the project is useful for 6 families under Kizhakkanchery Grama Panchayath. The land is Moist Deciduous Forests with 50% of vegetation cover. No trees to be felled for implementing this project and will not cause any serious impact to the existing ecosystem.

Chief Conservator of Forests (Eastern Circle) Palakkad recommended that the requirement of forest land proposed by the user agency is unavoidable and barest minimum. There are no rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna found in the area and it is not part of any protected area/protected archaeological/heritage site/defense establishment. No important monument is located in the area. The user agency has not violated any provisions of Forest(Conservation) Act, 1980.

The proposal is uploaded in Union Ministry's website vide No. FP/KL/Pipeline/145441/2021 and all due procedures have been completed.

In the circumstance, the proposal may be considered for Stage I (in-principle) approval under Rule 9(4)(j) of Forest (Conservation) Rules 2022, 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/](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 0.0243 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 shall sign an agreement with Forest Department before transfer of the land to the User Agency.

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 amount 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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ADDITIONAL SECRETARY

For Additional Chief Secretary to Government.