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To

The Additional Chief Secretary,
Government of Kerala,
Forests & Wildlife (C) Department,
Secretariat, Thiruvananthapuram,
Kerala, PIN - 695 001.

Subject: Diversion of 0.03352 ha. of forest land for reconstruction of Kolad Bridge across Ancharakandy river in Kannur District in favour of the Assistant Engineer, Public Works Department, Kannur -reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No.C3/213/2020/F&WLD dated 10/12/2020 & 24/08/2021 and PCCF's letter No.FC1-3027/2020 dated 30/07/2021 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section '2' of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The in-principle (Stage-I) approval to the project was accorded by the Central Government vide letter of even number dated 21st September, 2021. The State Government vide letter No.C3/213/2020/F&WLD dated 27/01/2025 reported compliance to the conditions stipulated by the Central Government in the in-principle approval.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am directed to convey Central Government's final approval (**Stage-II**) under Section '2(1)' of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of **0.03352 ha.** of forest land for reconstruction of Kolad Bridge across Ancharakandy river in Kannur District in favour of the Assistant Engineer, Public Works Department, Kannur, subject to the following conditions:-

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS co-ordinates.
3. 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

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- future, shall be charged by the State Government from the user agency.
4. Tree felling shall be restricted to the barest minimum possible and under confirmation from the local forest officials.
 5. Compensatory Afforestation i.e. ten times of no. of trees to be felled shall be carried out on land identified by the State Forest Department within 2 years from grant of final approval at the cost of user agency.
 6. The KML file of the area diverted and CA plantation (ten times the no. of trees to be felled) shall be uploaded on the e-green watch portal with all requisite details before issue of final approval by the State Government.
 7. The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is lesser.
 8. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas.
 9. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused
 10. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
 11. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
 12. The forest area shall be used for the purpose for which it is granted. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.03352 ha.
 13. 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.
 14. The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forest in the surrounding area.
 15. The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government and Integrated Regional Office, Bangalore by the end of March every year.
 16. The State Government and user agency shall comply the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, NGT order & Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project
 17. Any other condition that the Regional Office of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bengaluru may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forest and Wildlife.
 18. The State Govt. shall ensure that the complete compliance of FRA 2006 as per the rule 11 (7) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules 2023.
 19. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed under the Act, Rules and Guidelines relevant.

Yours faithfully,

Signed by Anjankumar

Besagarahalli Narayana

Date: 07-02-2025 11:30 (B.N. Anjan Kumar)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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1. The Chief Executive Officer, National Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority, Ministry of Environment Forests & Climate

Change, 3rd Floor (Front Portion), Supreme Court Metro Station Building (Line-3), New Delhi-110 001.

2. The Inspector General of Forests (ROHQ Division), Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Agni Wing, Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi – 110 003.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Forests Deptt, Government of Kerala, 'Vanalakshmi', 1st Floor, Forest Headquarters, Vazhuthacaud, Thiruvananthapuram-695 014, Kerala.
4. The Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Government of Kerala, 'Vanalakshmi', 1st Floor, Forest Headquarters, Vazhuthacaud, Thiruvananthapuram, PIN- 695 014, Kerala.
5. The Assistant Engineer, Kerala Public Works Department, PWD Bridges Section, Kannur -670 002.
6. Guard file.