



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Forest & Wildlife (C) Department

No-C3/243/2023-FWLD

01-08-2023, Thiruvananthapuram

From

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government

To

The Deputy Conservator of Forests (Central),
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,
Government of India, Regional Office (Southern Zone),
Kendriya Sadan, 4th Floor, E&F wing, 17th main Road,
Koramangala, Bangalore - 560034

Sir,

Sub: Forest & Wildlife Department - Proposal under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the diversion of 0.456 ha of forest land under section 2 of F(C) Act, 1980 for the construction of Edavetty Nadayam Depot road in Kothamangalam Division - reg.

Ref: 1. Letter no.FC2-1847/2023 dated 01.07.2023 from the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer.

2. Online proposal no. FP/KL/ROAD/24605/2017.

A proposal is recommended and forwarded herewith for diversion of 0.456 ha of forest land in Kothamangalam Forest Division for the construction of Edavetty Nadayam Depot road under Section (ii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 . Secretary, Edavetty Grama Panchyat is the user agency.

Site Inspection report was submitted by the Divisional Forest Officer, Kothamangalam with specific recommendations. In the site inspection report, Divisional Forest Officer, Kothamangalam has mentioned that, the area to be diverted comes under Karikode Village under Thodupuzha taluk of Idukki District. A mud road already exists

and it connects the settlements with many other roads. It is found that 27 trees belonging to various species need to be felled for the alignment of proposed road. It is also reported that the proposed project does not hamper the wildlife habitat of the Reserve Forest as it is proposed along the boundary of Reserve Forest. The Chief Conservator of Forests (High Range Circle) Kottayam and Divisional Forest Officer, Kothamangalam recommended the proposal because the proposed road may provide transporting facilities to settlements and many families of Edavetty area in Thodupuzha Range of Kothamangalam Division.

Hence, the proposal is submitted for consideration and approval subject to the following conditions 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 0.456 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 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.