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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 0.7945 ha of forest land for laying 220 KV Double Circuit line from Thottiyar Hydro Electric Power House to 220 KV L.P. Madakkathara line for evacuating of power from Thottiyar Hydro Electric Project -reg.

Madam/Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No.C3/194/2021/F&WLD dated 04/10/2021 and Nodal Officer, Kerala letters No.FC2-27267/2018 dated 05/11/2021 & No.FC2-1085/2021 dated 15/02/2022 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 2nd September, 2022. The State Government vide letters No.C3/194/2021/F&WLD dated 19/10/2023, 25.01.2024 and 30.10.2024 have 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 **0.7945 ha** of forest land for laying 220 KV Double Circuit line from Thottiyar Hydro Electric Power House to 220 KV L.P. Madakkathara line for evacuating of power from Thottiyar Hydro Electric Project, 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 suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost as per the directions of concerned Divisional Forest

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Officer.

3. Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised over equivalent degraded forest land identified in Erumely range (1965 teak plantation) within two years from the date of Stage –II Clearance and maintained thereafter by the State Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency and at least 1000 plants per hectare shall be planted over identified degraded forest land within two years of grant of final approval.
4. The State Government shall ensure that the non-forest land proposed for CA i.e. 1.033 Ha of non-forest land in Vythiri Taluk, Thariyode Village, Block No 4 Sy. No.52/3, 53/4, 53/6, 53/7, 53/9, 54/10 shall be notified as Protected Forest under section 29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 of local forest Act before handing over of forest land to the User Agency. The Nodal Officer, after notification of such non-forest lands, shall upload a copy of said notification on the PARIVESH portal.
5. 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 future, shall be charged by the State Government from the user agency.
6. The State Government shall ensure that the KML file of the area diverted and CA areas (Both NFL and DFL) shall be uploaded on the e-green watch portal with all requisite details before handing over the forest land to user Agency.
7. Since part of the transmission line is passing through corridors of elephants, User Agency should take sufficient precautionary and mitigation measures such as insulated wiring as per technical feasibility to avoid accidents due to electrocution etc.
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. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
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. 7945 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 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.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. 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.

18. 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.
19. 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.
20. 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,

Digitally signed by
Anjankumar Besagarahalli Narayana
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(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 Principal 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 Project Manager, Thottiyar Hydro Electric Project, Karimanal, Thattekkanni P.O., Idukki District, Kerala - 685606.
6. Guard file.