

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Forest & Wildlife (C) Department

No.C3/194/2021/F&WLD

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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- Forest (Conservation) Act,1980-
Proposal 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 - regarding.

Ref: Letter no. FC2-27267/2018 dated 09.09.2021 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
0.7945 ha of forest land in Munnar Division under section 2 of Forest
(Conservation) Act, 1980. The Proposal is for drawing 220 KV Double
Circuit line from Thottiyar Hydro Electric Power House to 220 KV L.P.
Madkkathara line for evacuating power from Thottiyar Hydro Electric
Project. The Project Manager, Thottiyar Hydro Electric Project is the user
agency.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Munnar and the Chief
Conservator of Forests (High Range Circle) Kottayam specifically
recommended the project. As per the inspection report, the proposal is for

diversion of 0.7945 ha for transmission line connecting the power house established as part of Thottiyar Hydro Electric Project for which 4.814 ha has already diverted. Government of India had accorded Stage I clearance for 3.8134 ha forest land for Thottiyar Hydro Electric Project (14 MW) as per letter No. 4-KLB-0500/05-BAN dated 23.09.2005, and Stage II clearance as per letter 4-KLB-0500/05-BAN dated 11.07.2007. Later an additional area of 0.9996 ha was recommended for the same project and Stage-I & II approval were given as per letter dated 11.07.2009 and 09.07.2012.

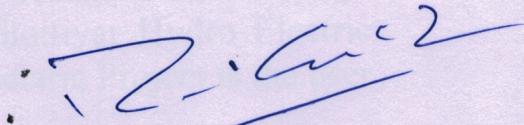
Now the present proposal submitted vide FP/KL/HYD/11977/2015 is for diversion of 0.7945 ha of forest land for the transmission line connecting the power house to the nearest existing transmission line of KSEB. The proposed area does not form part of any National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Elephant corridor, Tiger Reserve or Biosphere Reserve. It is also reported that there are only few trees present in the area to be diverted because a substantial part of the area is either river bed or encroached forest land. The requirement of forest land proposed by the User Agency is bare minimum.

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 to CAMPA through e-payment module of forest clearance portal. (forestclearance.nic.in)
4. The User Agency shall pay the Net Present Value for the diverted forest land of 0.7945 ha 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 IAs in WP(C) 202/1995.

5. Additional amount of Net Present Value for the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future shall also be paid by the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
6. All funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>)
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 forest land.
9. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for the execution of the project.
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 0.7945.
11. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, Department or person without prior approval of the Government of India.
12. The User Agency shall sign an Agreement with Kerala Forest Department while handing over/ taking over the possession of the forest land.
13. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal(<https://parivesh.nic.in/>)
14. 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.
15. 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,



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Deputy Secretary

For Principal Secretary to Government.