



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA



Forest & Wildlife (C) Department

No.C3/~~314~~/2023/F&WLD

18-09-2023, 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, Koramangala, Bangalore - 560034

Sir,

Sub: Forest & Wildlife Department - Proposal for diversion of 4.332 ha of forest land under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Edaparamba- Kolichal Road in Kasaragode District - reg

Ref: 1. Online proposal no. FP/KL/ROAD/37710/2018.
2. Letter no. FC1-551/2019 dated 11.09.2023 from the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Nodal Officer, Thiruvananthapuram.

I am to invite your attention to the reference cited and to forward herewith the proposal in Form A under Section 2(ii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 4.332 ha of forest land for construction of Hill Highway from Edaparamba to Kolichal road in Kasaragode District received vide reference cited above. Executive Engineer, PWD Roads Division Kasaragode is the user agency.

Inspection reports were submitted by the Divisional Forest Officer, Kasaragode and Chief Conservator of Forests (Northern Circle) Kannur with specific recommendations. As per the site inspection report, Divisional Forest Officer, Kasaragode reported that Edapparamba-Kolichal Hill Highway project is passing through Adoor Reserve Forest having two stretches. First is from Evanthoor to Pandya Bajanamandir with a length of 3 KM (3.624 ha) and the second Stretch is from Pallathumpara-Pallanji-Parappa 2014 Mahagony Plantation with a

length of 600 M (0.708 ha). The width proposed for the road is 12 M for both stretches. Reach I is stable when compared to Reach II, and 35 trees are to be removed. Forest is moist deciduous forest. In Reach II, 347 trees are to be removed.

The Chief Conservator of Forests (Northern Circle) Kannur recommended that the project is the expansion of the existing road and it will be , useful to the local people for fulfilling their needs like education, health emergency etc, it will also help forest department in effectively conducting patrolling and supervision of the forests. The following are suggested for ensuring better protection of the adjoining forest areas.

1. Proper stable fencing (minimum 2 M height) along both sides of road (at locations suggested by Forest Department officials) shall be done by user agency in order to prevent intervention into forest area by travelers and to prevent waste disposals.
2. Awareness boards and CCTV cameras shall be placed at suitable locations as required by Forest Department.
3. User Agency shall ensure to carry out the work in eco friendly manner without creating much disturbances.
4. Proper drainage facility and land stabilization techniques need to be adopted in the proposed diversion area. An equal extent of 4.332 ha of Revenue land in Bheemanadi village of Vellarikkund Taluk in Kasaragode District was allotted as Compensatory Afforestation land vide GO (MS)No.308/2022/RD dated 30.12.2022.

In the above circumstances, the proposal is forwarded online for recommendation to grant stage I/ in principle 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, 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 in 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.

11. The total forest area utilized for this project shall not exceed 4.332 ha.

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>)

15. Proper stable fencing (minimum 2 M height) along both sides of road (at locations suggested by Forest Department officials) shall be done by user agency in order to prevent intervention into forest area by travelers and to prevent waste disposals.

16. Awareness boards and CCTV cameras shall be placed at suitable locations as required by Forest Department.

17. User Agency shall ensure to carry out the work in eco friendly manner without creating much disturbances.

18. Proper drainage facility and land stabilization techniques need

to be adopted in the proposed diversion area.

19. The User Agency shall apply for renewal after 30 years.

20. 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.

21. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Shajan.A', written over a horizontal line.

SHAJAN.A

ADDITIONAL SECRETARY

For Additional Chief Secretary to Government.