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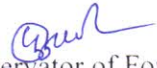
**Certificate of Deputy Conservator of Forests (Divisional Forest Officer, Thrissur) on  
Violation/Non-violation of Conservation Act 1980**

The decision to relocate the present Zoo at Chembukavu located amidst Thrissur town in a congested area of 5.26 Ha was under active consideration of the State Government in compliance of the direction from Central Zoo Authority. The relocation of State Museum and Zoo has been taken up since 2008 as a forestry activity as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Environment and Forest as per F No. 11 -66/2004-FC dated 13/11/2007. The CZA has also clarified the same as per the letter F. No. 19-113/92-CZA (140) (M) dated 23.12.2008 in response to the query from the Director of Museums and Zoos, Thiruvananthapuram and specifically mentioned that *"the question of seeking Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the acquisition of land for the purpose of translocation of the Thrissur Zoo to the new site in Puthur shall not be required"*. Hence the relocation process started and proceeded substantially over the years as a forestry activity aimed at wildlife conservation and education. Accordingly the State Government issued formal orders as per G.O (MS)16/2012/F&WLD dated 24-02-2012 to shift the Zoo to the new location in the reserve forest. So far the Central Zoo Authority has issued approval of master layout plan in 2012, approval of detailed Master Plan in 2013. Approval of detailed design of 4 animal enclosures and approval of 8 other enclosures with corrections are also issued in 2015.

Presently, the constructions of eight quarters have been completed in the field and the construction works of the four enclosures of Nilgiri Langur, LTM, Great Aviary and Indian Gaur (approval received from CZA) have been started and half way through. The works of eight animal enclosures for which detailed designs have been approved by Central Zoo Authority. Arrival and Parking Zone and orientation Centre have started in the field. The preparatory works of the remaining works are in full swing, as there is pressing demand to shift the animals from the congested enclosures of the present Zoo to the spacious location. Meanwhile the CZA has given direction as per the letter dated 11.10.2018, to apply for permission under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

The ongoing works have been started as Forestry works as per the guidelines issued by MoEF as per F No. 11 -66/2004-FC dated 13/11/2007 and based on all approvals from Central Zoo Authority. Hence it is certified that no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 or its guidelines have been committed in the process of implementing the Project.

Place: Thrissur  
Date: 08-11-2018

  
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