



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Forest & Wildlife Department – Diversion of 4.93 ha of forest land for Karikkayam Small Hydro Electric Project – Change of User Agency & approval under Section 2 for renewal of lease – Sanction accorded – Orders issued

FOREST & WILDLIFE (C) DEPARTMENT

G.O (Rt) No. 67/2015/F & WLD Thiruvananthapuram, Dated, 13-02-2015

Read :

1. Letter No.FC1-8381/2006 dated 19-11-2013 & 29-10-2014 from the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Special Afforestation) & Nodal Officer, Thiruvananthapuram.
2. Letter No. F.4-KLB993/2014 - BAN/503 dated 24-03-2014 from the Conservator of Forests (Central), Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India.
3. Government letter No.6769/C3/2013/F & WLD dated 26-11-2014
4. Letter No.F.No.4-KLB993/2014-BAN/6430 dated 23.12.2014 from the Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India

ORDER

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Special Afforestation) & Nodal Officer as per the letter read as 1st paper above requested Government of India to grant approval for transfer of lease hold rights of 4.93 ha of forest land from Karikkayam Small Hydro Electric Project to Ayyappa Hydro Electric Project and renewal of lease condoning delay in submitting the proposal. As per the letter read as second above Government of India conveyed Forest conservation clearance in favour of M/s. Ayyappa Hydro Electric Project and also granted in principle (Stage-I) approval for renewal of lease for a period 10 years from 28-12-2006 to 27-12-2016 in favour of M/s. Ayyappa Hydro Electric Project keeping in view of the progress of the project and the need for producing renewal energy in the larger public interest subject to certain conditions. The compliance report was communicated to Government of India as per the letter read as 3rd paper above and Government of India conveyed approval (Stage – II) as per the letter read as 4th paper above.

2. On the basis of the Government of India's approval, State Government are pleased to accord sanction, under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 for renewal

of lease of 4.93 ha of forest land diverted for Karikkayam Small Hydro Electric Project for a period of 10 years from 28-12-2006 to 27-12-2016 in favour of M/s. Ayyappa Hydro Electric Project subject to the following conditions:

1. The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged
2. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 4.93 ha.
3. Any other condition that the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Central), Regional Office, Bangalore may impose from time to time for protection and improvement of flora and fauna in the forest area, and public convenience.
4. The catchment area Treatment Plan shall be implemented as per the plan approved by Forest Department.
5. The DGPs readings of the 4.93 ha of forest land diverted shall be communicated to Government of India within 30 days.
6. Transfer of lease shall not be done without the prior approval of Government of India.

3. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Special Afforestation) and Nodal Officer will ensure compliance of the above mentioned conditions by the User Agency.

By Order of the Governor
A.P. GOPAKUMAR
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To

1. The Director General of Forests, Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Paryavaran Bhavan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi – 110 003 (with CL)
2. The Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Govt. of India, Bangalore
3. The Principal Accountant General (Audit), Thiruvananthapuram.
4. The Accountant General (A & E), Thiruvananthapuram
5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Forces, Thiruvananthapuram.
6. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Special Afforestation) and Nodal Officer, Thiruvananthapuram
7. The Chairman, Kerala State Electricity Board ltd., Vydyuthi Bhawan, Thiruvananthapuram.
8. The Divisional Forest Officer, Vazhachal Division, Ranni.
9. The Power Department (vide U.O. Note No.6696/B1/13/PD)
10. Stock File/Office Copy.

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Section Officer