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Dated the 8th December, 2005

To
The Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Kerala,
Forest & Wildlife Department,
Secretariat
Thiruvananthapuram

Subject: Diversion of 11.913 ha. of forest land for Mankulam HEP (40 MW) in Malayattoor RF, Munnar Forest Division in favour of KSEB in Idukki District

Sir,

Kindly refer to the State Government's letter No. 2934/C2/05/F&WLD dated 06.04.2005 seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above project.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am directed to convey Central Government's approval in principle (Stage-I) for diversion of 11.913 ha. of forest land in Malayattoor RF, Munnar Forest Division, Idukki District for Mankulam HEP (40 MW) in favour of Kerala State Electricity Board, subject to the following conditions:-

1. The cost of raising compensatory afforestation over double the extent of degraded forest land (24 ha.) shall be recovered from the user agency
2. The cost of implementation of Catchment Area Treatment Plan shall be recovered from the user agency
3. The user agency shall deposit the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land measuring 11.913 ha. with the State Forest Department as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 30.10.2002 and 01.08.2003 in IA No 566 in WP(C) No.202/95 and the guidelines issued by Ministry vide letter No 5-1/1998-FC(Pt.II) dated 18.09.2003 and 22.09.2003 in this regard.
4. All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred to the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA). Till such time an appropriate Head of Account is communicated in this regard, such funds shall be kept in the form of fixed deposits in the name of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer or the Nodal Officer in any Nationalised Bank

as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Environment & Forests dated 22.03.2004. The State Government shall utilize all the funds other than NPV till a direction is given by the Central Government in respect of utilization of NPV of the diverted forest land

5. The user agency shall deposit the cost of implementation of rehabilitation and resettlement plan with the concerned Department of the State Government.

After receipt of the compliance report of the above conditions, final approval will be accorded and the forest land shall not be transferred to user agency prior to issue of final approval. This approval shall be valid for a period of 5 years. In the event of non-compliance of the above conditions, this approval shall automatically stand revoked.

Yours faithfully,

(K.S.P.V. PAVAN KUMAR)
DEPUTY CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS (CENTRAL)

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1. The Director General of Forests & Special Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Paryavaran Bhavan, CGO Complex, Lodi Road, New Delhi-110003
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Kerala, Forest Headquarters, Vazhuthacaud, Thiruvananthapuram
3. The Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer, Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Kerala, Forest Headquarters, Vazhuthacaud, Thiruvananthapuram
4. The Chief Engineer (Civil), Investigation, Planning, Design & Safety of Dams, Kerala State Electricity Board, Vidyuthi Bhavanam, Pattom, Thiruvananthapuram-4
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