

**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA**

Forest & Wildlife (C) Department

No.C3/71/2022/F&WLD

13-04-2022, Thiruvananthapuram

From

The Principal Secretary to Government

To

The Deputy Inspector General of Forest (Central),
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change,
Regional Office (Southern Zone),
Kendriya Sadan, IV Floor, EF Wings,
17th Main Road, II nd Block, Koramangala,
Bangalore.

Sir,

Forest & Wildlife Department- Proposal for diversion of 0.2023
Sub: ha of forest land under Section 2 Forest (Conservation) Act,
1980 for the Construction of Mullaperiyar Police at
Vallakkadavu in Idukki district - reg

Ref: Letter no. FC2-653/2022 dated 25.03.2022 from the Additional
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer,
Thiruvananthapuram.

I am to invite your attention to the reference cited and to recommend and forward herewith the proposal for diversion of 0.2023 ha of forest land under Section 2 Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the Construction of Mullaperiyar Police station at Vallakkadavu in Idukki district received from the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests. The proposal is for construction of new Police Station building for Mullaperiyar at Vallakkadavu in Idukki District.

Site Inspection Report was submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Kottayam and Chief Conservator of Forests (High Range circle) Kottayam with specific recommendations. As per the inspection report, the proposed land is lying on the right-hand side of the Kutcha road passing though the proposed reserve, approximately one km from

Vallakkadavu. The plot is having a south facing gentle slope. The plot is part of the grass land and does not support tree growth. The grass land present is the climax vegetation of the locality. The Vallakkadavu proposed Reserve is having a total extent of more than 100 ha and lies adjacent to Periyar West Division of Periyar Tiger Reserve. The proposed bit of land does not pass through National Park, Elephant Corridor or Tiger Reserve. The Chief Conservator of Forests (High Range Circle), Kottayam has reported that no private land is available for the construction of Mullaperiyar Police Station adjacent to the Dam site or near vicinity. More construction is not advisable within the Periyar Tiger Reserve where the Dam is situated. The extent required for the Mullaperiyar Police Station in the proposed site is least. The impact on environment and ecology due to this small construction is very negligible considering the benefits that can be derived from locating the police station outside the Periyar Tiger Reserve and the Dam site and also the security benefits. The requirement of forest land is reported as unavoidable and the area proposed is barest minimum and no alternate option is available.

The proposal is uploaded in 'PARIVESH' website vide No.FP/KL/Others/150946/2022 and all due procedures have been completed.

In the circumstances, the proposal may be considered for Stage I (in principle) approval under Section 2 of F(C) Act, 1980 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. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land of 0.2023 ha from the User Agency 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 IA's in WP(C)202/1995.
5. 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.
6. 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/>).
 7. 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.
 8. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
 9. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
 10. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
 11. 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 0.2023 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 Govt. of India.
 13. The User Agency shall sign an agreement with Forest Department before transfer of the land to the User Agency.
 14. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).
 15. 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.
 16. The User Agency shall apply for renewal after 25 years.
 17. 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.