



**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA**

Forest & Wildlife (C) Department

No.C3/194/2021/F&WLD

16/12/2021, Thiruvananthapuram

From

The Principal Secretary to Government

To

The Deputy Conservator of Forests (Central),  
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,  
Government of India,  
Regional Office (Southern Zone)  
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Sir,

Sub: Forest & Wildlife Department - Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 -  
Proposal for diversion of 0.009 ha of forest land in Mannarkkad  
Forest Division for the installation of 40 KW Micro Hydel Project  
at Meenvallom - reg

Ref: Letter no. FC1-6527/2017 dated 26.11.2021 from the Additional  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Nodal Officer.

A proposal (3 set hard copies) along with the required  
appendices, duly recommended is forwarded herewith for diversion of  
0.009 ha of forest land in Mannarkkad Forest Division for the installation  
of 40 KW Micro Hydel Project at Meenvallom. The Chairperson,  
Palakkad Small Hydro Company Ltd, District Panchayath, Building,  
Palakkad is the user agency. The proposed site is for installation of 40  
KW Micro Hydel Project at Meenvallom at Palakkayam Village in  
Palakkad District.

In the inspection report, Divisional Forest Officer, Mannarkkad, has mentioned that, the proposal is to construct an Archimedean Screw Turbine in the tailrace of existing project. The area required is 18 M x 5M space within the forest area under VFC item No.8 in Meenvallam Malavaram. The 0.009 ha area proposed for the present project lies adjoining to 1.15 ha area already diverted. The Chief Conservator of Forests (Eastern Circle), Palakkad, has reported that the identified area is devoid of any trees. The requirement of forest land as proposed by the User Agency is bare minimum for the purpose. The location is not part of an elephant corridor. No violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is reported.

The proposal is uploaded in PARIVESH website vide No. FP/KL/HYD/20494/2016 and all due process have been completed.

Hence the proposal is submitted for consideration and 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 Net Present Value with ad-hoc CAMPA 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 0.009 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 IAs 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.

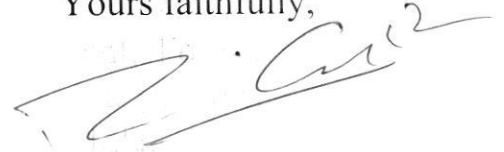
6. All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).
7. Necessary certificates/documents under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 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 Government of India.
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 0.009 ha.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. The User Agency shall sign an agreement with Forest Department before transfer of the land to the User Agency.
15. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).

16. 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.

17. The project lease period shall be co-terminuous with the lease period of the earlier project (Meenvallam Hydro Electric Project).

18. 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.

Encls : As above