



**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA**

Forest & Wildlife (C) Department

No-C3/79/2023-FWLD

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From

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government

To

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

Sub: Forest Department - Proposal for diversion of 7.414 ha of forest land under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for upgradation of 9.93 KM existing 66 KV Attingal-Palode SC Feeder to 110 KV double circuit from Mithirmala to Palode - regarding.

Ref: Letter No FC2-3774/2022 dated 06/02/2023 from the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Nodal Officer, Thiruvananthapuram.

I am directed to recommend and forward herewith the proposal for diversion 7.414 ha of forest land under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for upgradation of 9.93 KM existing 66 KV Attingal-Palode SC Feeder to 110 KV double circuit from Mithirmala to Palode. The Assistant Executive Engineer, KSEBL, Transmission Sub Division, Nedumangad is the user agency.

Site Inspection reports were submitted by the Chief Conservator of Forests (Southern Circle) Kollam and Divisional Forest Officer, Thiruvananthapuram with specific recommendations. In the inspection report, Divisional Forest Officer, Thiruvananthapuram has mentioned that, the total length of electric line from Pandyanpara to

Kanchinada is 4.10 Km. Out of this 0.730 KM comes under Patta land and remaining 3.37 Km passes through Reserve Forest in 6 segments. The area includes 2017 Bamboo Plantation Adappupara, 2017 Miscellaneous Plantation Adappupara, 2017 Fruit bearing plantation Adappupara, 2017 Acacia Mangium plantation Chempankode, 2017 Bamboo plantation Chempankode and 2012 Acacia Auriculiformis plantation Chempankode. Eco-restoration activities are proposed in all these plantations as per the approved working plan. 104 trees have to be cut and removed for the project. Of these 31 are Acacia Auriculiformis 43 are Acacia Mangium and 20 are Anjily.

The Chief Conservator of Forests (Southern Circle) Kollam has recommended that the requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency is unavoidable and barest minimum required for the project. There are no rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna found in the area. The proposed forest land is not part of protected areas. Any archaeological/heritage site/defense establishment or no other important monument is located in the area. The project is aimed to facilitate development and to meet the future electricity demands of north east region of Thiruvananthapuram District and to provide undisturbed power supply in the area. The project does not envisage harm to the ecosystem and the wildlife presence in the area. The requirement of forest land proposed by the User Agency is the barest minimum and there is no suitable alternative.

In the circumstances, the proposal is recommended for consideration under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and for according Stage I (in-principle) 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 cost of Compensatory Afforestation, Net Present Value etc through e-payment module of forest clearance portal, PARIVESH.
4. 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.

5. 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/>).
6. 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.
7. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
8. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
9. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
10. 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 7.414 ha.
11. 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.
12. The User Agency shall sign an agreement with Forest Department before transfer of the land to the User Agency.
13. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).
14. 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.
15. The User Agency shall apply for renewal after 20 years.
16. 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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JOINT SECRETARY  
For Additional Chief Secretary to Government.