



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Forest & Wildlife (C) Department 15-03-2022, Thiruvananthapuram

No.C3/44/2022/F&WLD

The Principal Secretary to Government

To

From

The Deputy Conservator of Forests (Central), Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Regional Office (Southern Zone), Kendriya Sadan, 4th Floor, E&F wing, 17th main Road, Koramangala, Bangalore - 560034.

Sir,

Forest & Wildlife Department- Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980
Sub: - Proposal for diversion of 0.081 ha of forest land for the construction of new Police Station building at Pamba under Ranni Forest Division - reg.

Ref: Letter no. FC2-357/2022 dated 21.02.2022 from the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Thiruvananthapuram.

I am directed to recommend and forward the proposal in Form A under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.081 ha of forest land for the construction of new Police Station building at Pamba under Ranni Forest Division. The proposal is for construction of new Police Station building for Pamba Police Station.

As per the inspection report, Divisional Forest Officer, Ranni mentioned that the proposed project area is an open forest patch and falling under notified Konni reserve forest. Administrative jurisdiction comes under Plappally Forest station of Goodrical Range in Ranni Forest Division. The proposal envisages the use of forest land for construction of police Station at Pamba for providing service to Sabarimala pilgrims as well as forest protection, since Ranni Forest

Division has no station or out post at Pamba. No rare/ endangered / unique species of flora and fauna are found in the area. No protected, archaeoiogical/ heritage site/ defence establishment or any other important monuments is located in the proposed site. The Chief Conservator of Forests (Southern Circle) Kollam has reported that the project site is reserve forest with 0.081 ha rectangular plot, falling under notified Konni Reserve Forest, under Plappally Forest Station of Goodrical Range in Ranni Forest Division and the site is situated opposite to KSRTC Bus Station Pamba, near to Vanasree Ecoshop and Cafeteria of Forest Development Agancy, Ranni. 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/146945/2021 and all due procedures have been completed.

In consideration of the above, the proposal is submitted 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 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 0.081 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) date 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 0.081 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 Government 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,

RAJESH G R

DEPUTY SECRETARY

For Principal Secretary to Government.