



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Forest & Wildlife (C) Department

No-C3/88/2023-FWLD

24-02-2023, Thiruvananthapuram

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 & Wildlife Department - Proposal for diversion of 0.7922 ha of forest land under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for upgradation of existing 66 KV SC Kalappetty Nenmara line to 110 KV DC line - regarding

Ref: Letter No FC1-3740/2022 dated 27/01/2023 from the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Nodal Officer, Thiruvananthapuram.

I am directed to recommend and forward herewith the proposal in Form A under Section 2(ii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.7922 ha of forest land for upgradation of existing 12.5 KMs of 66KV SC line to 110 KV DC line from Kalappetty to Nemmara. The line pass through the forest area near Cheramamangalam. The Assistant Engineer-II, KSEBL, Sub Station Sub Division, Palakkad Medical College is the User Agency.

Site inspection report were submitted by the Chief Conservator of Forests (Eastern Circle) Palakkad and Divisional Forest Officer, Nemmara with specific recommendations. In the inspection report, Divisional Forest Officer, Nenmmara has mentioned that, the area proposed for the project starts from the southern tip of Andazhi-

Edamalakunnu Malavaram (Bit-I) and proceed towards north. The area proposed for the project is 0.7922 ha in two contiguous bits. The length and breadth of the proposed site is not uniform. The area of Bit I is 0.0586 ha and the area of bit II is 0.7336 ha. In the area no trees under the present 66 KV transmission line but there are 111 Nos of miscellaneous trees such as Njaval, Manimaruthu, Kumuzhu, Manjappavatta, Veppu, Nelli, Teak, Kudakkappala, Maruthu, Aval etc on either side, outside the route through which the present 66 KV transmission line is passing. No felling of trees needed to implement the project but the tops and branches of the trees need to be cut to limit the height of trees at 6 meter to avoid accidents. The Chief Conservator of Forests (Eastern Circle), Palakkad 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 a part of any protected area/protected archaeological/heritage site/defense establishment or any other important monument is located in the area. The requirement of forest land proposed by the User Agency is the barest minimum and there is no other suitable alternatives.

The proposal is uploaded in 'PARIVESH' website vide No. FP/KL/TRANS/ 155551/2022 and all due procedures have been completed.

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 through c-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 0.7922 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 30 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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JOINT SECRETARY
For Additional Chief Secretary to Government.