



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Forest & Wildlife (C) Department 26/08/2019, Thiruvananthapuram

No.C3/115/2019-FWLD

From

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government

To

The Deputy Conservator of Forest (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,

Sub: Forest & Wildlife Department- Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980-Diversion of 0.0745 ha of forest land under section 2 Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the upgradation of Punalur-Muvattupuzha Highway in Ambanar Forest Station of Pathanapuram Range by Executive Engineer, KPWD, KSTP, Punkunnam - Reg.

Ref: Letter no. FC2-1649/2019 dated 05.07.2019 from the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Forest, Land & Resources) & Nodal Officer, Thiruvananthapuram.

A proposal (three set hard copies and soft copy) along with the required appendices, duly recommended is forwarded herewith for diversion of 0.0745 ha of forest land under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in Pathanapuram Range, Punalur Division for the upgradation of Punalur-Muvattupuzha Highway in Ambanar Forest Station, in favour of the the Executive Engineer, KSTP for consideration and approval subject to the following conditions:-

- 1. Legal status of the forest shall remain unchanged.
- 2. The User Agency shall pay Net Present Value as per guidelines issued by Government of India.

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- 3. The User Agency shall give an undertaking to pay additional Net Present Value if required.
- 4.Cost of raising of 10 times the number of trees to be felled shall be deposited by the User Agency.
- 5. The User Agency shall make payment of cost of Compensatory Afforestation and Net Present Value with as demanded by Kerala Forest Department.
- 6.The User Agency shall not fell any trees other than those marked for felling or cause damage to the surrounding forest and shall take all possible measures to conserve tree growth.
- 7. The User Agency shall not use the forest land for any purpose other than the purpose for which the forest land is diverted.
- 8. When the forest land is no longer required for the purpose, the land will be resumed back to the Forest Department.
- 9. The User Agency shall abide by any other condition imposed later on by Government of Kerala/Forest Department in the interest of Forest Conservation.
- 10. The User Agency shall apply for renewal of forest clearance after 20 years.
- 11. 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 a nominal lease rent as decided by the Government of Kerala may be remitted.

The proposal has already been uploaded in the Union Ministry's web portal vide proposal No.FP/KL/ROAD/10951/2015. The approval of the Ministry of Environment and Forests may please be communicated to this office at the earliest.

Yours faithfully,

GOPAKUMAR.R DEPUTY SECRETARY

For Additional Chief Secretary to Government

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