



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

No.C2/126/2018/F&WLD

Forest & Wildlife (C) Department
26/11/2018, Thiruvananthapuram

To

The Secretary

Ministry of Environment , Forests & Climate Change

Indira Paryavaran Bhavan

Jorbagh Road

New Delhi - 110 003

Sir,

Sub: Forest & Wildlife (C) Department -Forest Clearance proposal for shifting of Thrissur Zoo to Puthoor u/s 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - submission of proposal - Reg.

Ref: Letter No FC2-12003/2003 Dated 19-11-2018 from the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, F(C) Act & CAMPA, Kerala Forest Department.

I am to forward herewith four hard copies of the proposal received along with the letter cited, along with the required appendices, for the diversion of 136.8623 hectares of Reserve forest land for the purpose of relocating Thrissur Zoo in Kerala to forest area at Puthur in Pattikkad Forest Range of Thrissur Forest Division. The application is for *post facto* approval as the physical construction of animal enclosures has already been started in 2015 based on the Master Plan and Master Layout Plan approved by the Central Zoo Authority. The reserved forest land proposed for diversion is the entire area of Manappilly and Mannur hill reserve forests lying contiguous to each other as an isolated bit amidst human habitation in the Pattikkad forest range. The District Collector, Thrissur has submitted the certificate regarding the Settlement of Rights under Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 on the Forest land proposed to be diverted. The proposal has already been uploaded in Union Minister's website vide proposal number FP/KL/Others/36775/2018. Further the DFO Thrissur has worked out detailed compensatory afforestation package.

In the circumstances, the proposal in four sets is forwarded herewith, with due recommendation for approval, subject to the following conditions.

1. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The User Agency shall give an undertaking to pay Net Present Value as per guidelines issued by Government of India.
3. The User Agency shall give an undertaking to pay additional Net Present Value if required.
4. The User Agency shall payment of compensatory levies, as instructed by either

Government of India or the State Government.

5. The User Agency shall not fell any trees other than that marked and permitted
6. The User Agency shall not use the forest land for any purpose other than the purpose for which the forest land is diverted.
7. When the forest land is no longer required for the purpose, the land will be resumed back to the Forest Department.
8. The User Agency shall abide by any other condition imposed later on by Government

of India/Government of Kerala/Forest Department in the interest of -Forest Conservation.

9. The User Agency shall apply for renewal of approval after 20 years.
10. The User Agency has to sign an agreement with Divisional Forest Officer, Thrissur incorporating all the conditions imposed by Government of India/ Government of Kerala/

Kerala Forest Department in this regard and a nominal lease rent as decided by the Government

of Kerala may be remitted

11. The User Agency shall not hand over the land to any other agency without consent of Government of India, even if for the same purpose.

Also since the physical construction of animal enclosures has already been started in 2005 based on the Mater Plan & Master Layout Plan approved by the Central Zoo Authority, the permission may be given *Post facto*.

It is requested to kindly obtain the approval of the Ministry of Environment and Forest in this regard and to communicate to this office at the earliest.

Yours faithfully,



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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

Copy to : The Principal chief Conservator of Forests (FL&R) for information.