



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

No.1162813/C2/2017/F&WLD

Forest & Wild Life (C) Department
Thiruvananthapuram, Dated: 25.05.2017.

From

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government

To

The Deputy Conservator of Forests (Central),
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India,
Regional Office (Southern Zone), Kendriya Sadan, IVth Floor,
E&F Wings, 17th Main Road, IInd Block, Koramangala, Bangalore - 560 034.

Sir,

Sub:- F&WLD - Application for forest clearance for International Ship
Repair facility project of Cochin Shipyard Ltd. Kochi, Kerala - reg.
Ref:- Your letter No. F&A/11.6/362/MISC/KERALA/2261 dated
31.03.2017.

I am to invite your attention to the reference cited and report as follows. The
ISRF project of Cochin Shipyard is to be set up in the 16.9 ha of land area taken
over on lease from M/s Cochin Port Trust under the ownership of Cochin Port
Trust.

In connection with the Environmental and CRZ clearance for the above
project the Export Appraisal Committee (EAC) held on 23.05.2016 has insisted the
User Agency ie, Cochin Shipyard Ltd to submit the Stage I forest clearance. Also
there exists two small isolated Mangrove Patches in the project area having spread
an area of 92.8 M2 and 93.8 M2. These Mangroves (15 Nos) has to be felled for
the implementation of the project.

As per the Expert Committee constituted under the Chairmanship of Sri. V.
Gopinathan as per the judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated
12.12.1996 in WP(C)No.202/1995, Mangrove Forests are identified as deemed
forest/private forests irrespective of whether they are so notified recognized or
classified under any law and irrespective of the ownership of the land of such forest.

The Committee opined that Mangrove forests support a unique ecosystem and are of great importance for the ecological balance of our coastal area. Cochin Shipyard Ltd. has already agreed to meet cost of Compensatory Afforestation in 2 ha of land in Munroe Thuruth Grama Panchayath in lieu of 15 Mangrove trees to be felled in project area. Hence the proposal was submitted for the forest clearance as requested by the User Agency.

Yours faithfully



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Additional Chief Secretary to Government.

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