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Dated the 1st February, 2017

To

The Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Kerala, Forests & Wildlife (C) Department, Secretariat, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, PIN – 695 001.

Subject:

Diversion of 0.25 ha. of forest land under Section'2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for establishing 8 MW Anakampoil Hydro Electric Project at Kozhikode in favour of M/s Anakampoil Power Private Ltd.

Sir.

I am directed to refer to the State Government's letter No.C3/24/2016/F&WLD dated 27/02/2016 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section'2' of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

The proposal was examined by the Regional Empowered Committee constituted under sub-rule (1) of rule 4A of the Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2003 in its meeting held on 18/11/2016.

After careful examination of the proposal of the State Government and on the basis of the recommendation of the Regional Empowered Committee, the Central Government hereby conveys its in-principle approval (Stage-I) under Section'2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.25 ha. of forest land in Kozhikode Forest Division & District for establishing 8 MW Anakampoil Hydro Electric Project at Kozhikode in favour of M/s Anakampoil Power Private Limited, Hyderabad, for a period of 20 years, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

- 1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
- The demarcation of the forest area being diverted shall be carried out by erecting cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of User Agency, before Stage-II approval.
- 3. The identified non-forest land for Compensatory Afforestation (CA) over 0.50 ha. shall be transferred and mutated in favour of Forest Department.

- 4. The cost of raising CA over the identified non forest land shall be deposited by the user agency.
- 5. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land of 0.25 ha. from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos.826 in 566 with related IA's in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995.
- 6. Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) 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 the State Government from the user agency. The user agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
- 7. The User Agency shall make online payment of cost of CA & Net Present Value with Adhoc- CAMPA through e-payment module of Forest Clearance portal-forestclearance.nic.in.
- 8. The submergence area should be left open for drinking of water by wild animals. The user agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
- 9. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.25 ha.
- 10. Power generation should only be between June January. The user agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
- 11. Any other condition that the Addl. P.C.C.F. (Central), Regional Office, Bangalore may impose from time to time for protection, improvement of flora and fauna in the forest area and public convenience, shall also be applicable.
- 12. Violation of any of the conditions shall invite penal action, as deemed fit by the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bangalore.

After receipt of the compliance report on the fulfillment of the above conditions from the State Government, formal approval will be considered in this regard under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. This in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of five years. In the event of non-compliance of the above conditions, this in-principle approval shall automatically stand revoked after five years.

Yours faithfully,

(R. Padmawathe)

Deputy Conservator of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

- 1. The Director General of Forests & Special Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Agni Wing, Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi 110 003.
- 2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Deptt, Government of Kerala, 'Vanalakshmi', 1st Floor, Forest Headquarters, Vazhuthacaud, Thiruvananthapuram-695 014, Kerala.
- 3. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Special Afforestation) & Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Government of Kerala, 'Vanalakshmi', 1st Floor, Forest Headquarters, Vazhuthacaud, Thiruvananthapuram, PIN- 695 014, Kerala.
- 4. M/s Anakampoil Power Private Limited, Plot No.84, Kavuri Hills, Madhapur, District –Hyderabad, Telangana State, PIN- 500 033.

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