



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Forest & Wildlife Department-Diversion of 0.1463 ha forest land in Pampadum Shola National Park for laying Optical Fiber Cable and MH installation in Kattakamboor Kannan Devan Hill stretches by M/s. Reliance Jio Infocom Ltd. under Section 2 of Forest Conservation Act,1980- Sanction Accorded- Orders issued

FOREST & WILDLIFE [C] DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.195/2020/F & WLD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram,
26/08/2020

- Read 1. G.O.(Rt.) No. 48/2020/F&WLD Dated,05.03.2020
2. Letter No. FC2-2359/2020 dated 12/06/2020 from the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Forest Management) & Nodal Officer
 3. Letter No.F.No.4-KLB1254/2020/BAN/35 Dated 7/08/2020 From Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change.

ORDER

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Forest Management) & Nodal Officer, as per letter read 2nd paper above, has recommended and forwarded the proposal in Form A under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act,1980, for diversion of 0.1463 ha forest land in Pampadum Shola National Park for laying Optical Fiber Cable and MH installation in Kattakamboor Kannan Devan Hill stretches by M/s. Reliance Jio Infocom Ltd. The proposal is for laying optical fiber cable and install manholes between Mattupatty Dam and Koviloor.

(2) Inspection reports were submitted by the Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Field Director, Kottayam, and Wildlife Warden, Munnar. They have specifically recommended for the project. As per the inspection report, Wildlife Warden, Munnar, has informed that proposal will be helpful in providing better connectivity to the remote villages and also to the various camps of Forest Department and the project will not adversely affect wildlife of the area. The proposed area falls on the side of the road passing through the Pampadum Shola National Park. The proposed area doesn't contain any monument of historical, religious, archeological or defense establishment. The requirement of forest land is unavoidable and bare minimum required. Government of Kerala as per the G.O. read above

has accorded wildlife clearance for the proposal.

(3) Government have examined the proposal in detail and are pleased to accord sanction for Stage I Approval for diversion of 0.1463 ha forest land in Pampadum Shola National Park for laying Optical Fiber Cable and MH installation in Kattakamboor Kannan Devan Hill stretches by M/s. Reliance Jio Infocom Ltd. under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, 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 Wildlife Warden concerned;
- 3). The User Agency shall make online payment of cost of Compensatory Afforestation and Net Present Value with ad-hoc CAMPA through e-payment module of forest clearance portal (parivesh.nic.in);
- 4). The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land of 0.1463 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 by the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;
- 6). The User Agency shall remit Rs. 50.00 lakh (Rupees Fifty Lakh only) for the removal of invasive species and the amount will be remitted in CAMPA which will be made after Stage-I forest clearance;
- 7). 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/>);

8). 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;

9). The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government;

10). No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;

11). No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;

12). The forest area shall be used for the purpose for which it is granted. The total forest area utilized for this project shall not exceed 0.1463 ha;

13). 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;

14). The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less;

15). The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>);

16). 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;

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..

(By order of the Governor)

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To:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest & Head of Forest Force,
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The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Forest Management) &
Nodal Officer, Forest Head Quarters, Thiruvananthapuram

The Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Field Director,
Kottayam.

The Wildlife Warden, Munnar.

The Manager, Reliance Jio Infocom Limited.Pukalakkattu Kariyattu
Tower, Mangalam, Palarivattam P.O., Cochin, Kerala.

The Principal Accountant General (A&E)/ Audit, Thiruvananthapuram.
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