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To

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

Subject: Diversion of 0.0243 ha. of forest land for Construction of Bridge at Avanippara Tribal Settlement, Konni Reserve Forest, Pathanamthitta District.

Sir,

Please refer to State Government letter No. C3/37/2017/F&WLD dated 02/05/2017 seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above-mentioned project.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am directed to convey Central Government's approval in-principle **(Stage-I)** under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.0243 ha. of forest land for Construction of Bridge at Avanippara Tribal Settlement, Konni Reserve Forest, Pathanamthitta District, for a period of 20 years, subject to the following conditions:-

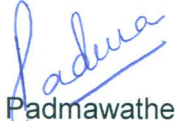
1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The demarcation of the forest area being diverted shall be carried out by erecting cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters, wherever possible at the cost of User Agency, before issue of Stage-II clearance.
3. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land of 0.0243 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.
4. 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.
5. User Agency should ensure that Compensatory levies are deposited through challan generated online on the web portal and deposited in appropriate bank online only.

Amount deposited through other mode will not be accepted as compliance of the Stage -I clearance.

6. Necessary certificates/documents related to ensuring compliance of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006 as per the guidelines issued by Ministry of Environment & Forests vide letter No.11-9/1998-FC (Pt) dated 05.07.2013 shall be furnished.
7. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.0243 ha.
8. 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.
9. 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 above conditions, the proposal will be considered for final approval. This in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 5 years and the forest land shall not be transferred to the User Agency prior to the issue of final approval.

Yours sincerely,



(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, Government of India, Agni Wing, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road, Lodhi Colony, 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. The Tribal Development Officer, Tribal Development Office, Ranni P.O, Pathanamthitta District, Kerala. PIN- 689 672.
5. Guard file.


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