



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Forest & Wildlife Department- Diversion of 0.35 ha of forest land under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for laying underground cable for providing electricity to the Achenkovil area from Thazhethottom to Harijan Colony area- Stage 1 Approval- Sanction Accorded- Orders issued

FOREST & WILDLIFE [C] DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.54/2021/F&WLD Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 18/02/2021

Read Letter No. FC2-236/2021 dated 11.02.2021 from the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Forest Management) & Nodal Office

ORDER

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Forest Management) & Nodal Officer as per the letter read above has recommended and forwarded the proposal for diversion of 0.35 ha forest land under Section 2 of Forest(Conservation) Act, 1980 in Achenkovil Forest Division for laying underground cable for providing electricity to the Achenkovil area from Thazhethottom to Harijan Colony area. The Executive Engineer, KSEB , Electrical Division, Punalur is the user agency. The proposed project is for laying underground cable along the coupe road for a length of 7 km which is used for protection purposes from Thazhethottam to Achenkovil.

2. The Chief Conservator of Forests (Southern Circle), Kollam and the Divisional Forest Officer, Achenkovil have reported that the existing overhead transmission line is established through the Reserve Forest from the Priya Estate area which is posing threats to the wildlife especially the large mammals through potential electrocution. The Chief Conservator of Forests (Southern Circle) Kollam has reported that the project is beneficial to the public at large and is not expected to cause any large scale ecological and environmental disturbance of forest ecosystem. No rare/ endangered/ unique species, of flora and fauna are found in the area. The proposed area doesn't contain any monument of historical, religious, archeological or defense establishment. The proposed area does not form part of any Protected Area. No tree felling is involved. The requirement of forest land proposed by the

User Agency is unavoidable and bare minimum. The proposal already is uploaded in Union Ministry's website vide proposal No. FP/KL/VELEC/50319/2020 and due procedures completed.

3. Government have examined the proposal in detail and are pleased to accord sanction for diversion of 0.35 ha forest land in Achenkovil Forest Division under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for laying underground cable for providing electricity to the Achenkovil area from Thazhethottom to Harijan Colony area 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 concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
3. The User Agency shall make online payment of Net Present Value with ad-hoc CAMPA through e-payment module of forest clearance portal. (forestclearance .nic .in)
4. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land of 0.35 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 Honble 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. 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/>).
7. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
8. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
9. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
10. The forest area shall be used only for the purpose for which it is granted.

The total forest area utilized for this project shall not exceed 0.35 ha.

11.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.

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

13.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.

14.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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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

To:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest & Head of Forest Force, Forest Head Quarters, Thiruvananthapuram

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

The Chief Conservator of Forest (Southern Circle) Kollam

The Divisional Forest Officer, Achenkovil

The Executive Engineer, KSEB , Electrical Division, Punalur

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

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