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To

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

Subject: Diversion of 0.244 ha. (0.098 ha. from Peechi Wildlife Sanctuary & 0.146 ha. from Thrissur Forest Division) of forest land for laying of a ± 320 KV HVDC underground Power Cable from Vadakkancherry to Thrissur in Kerala in the utility corridor of NH 544 (in a concrete duct bank of 2M width) in favour of M/s. Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd.

Sir,

Please refer to State Government letter No. C3/22/2018/F&WLD dated 02/04/2018 and PCCF (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden's letter No. WL4-40979/2017 dated 19/09/2018 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 0.244 ha. (0.098 ha. from Peechi Wildlife Sanctuary & 0.146 ha. from Thrissur Forest Division) of forest land for laying of a ± 320 KV HVDC underground Power Cable from Vadakkancherry to Thrissur in Kerala in the utility corridor of NH 544 (in a concrete duct bank of 2M width) in favour of M/s. Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd, 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 suitably at the cost of User Agency, before issue of Stage-II clearance, keeping in view the movement of wildlife.
3. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land of 0.244 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.

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