



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Forest & Wildlife Department - Diversion of 0.2428 ha of forest land for providing water supply scheme for Paingottoor Panchayath for constructing a Water Tank and Water Treatment Plant in Kaliyar Range of Kothamangalam Division- Sanction Accorded-Orders issued.

FOREST & WILDLIFE [C] DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.184/2020/F&WLD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 17/08/2020

Read Letter No. FC2-2407/2020 dated 16/06/2020 from the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Forest Management) & Nodal Officer.

ORDER

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Forest Management) & Nodal Officer, as per letter read above, has recommended and forwarded a proposal for diversion of 0.2428 ha of forest land under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for providing water supply scheme for Paingottoor Panchayath. The Assistant Executive Engineer, Project Division, Kerala Water Authority, Project Sub Division, Piravom, is the user agency. The proposal is for supply of water to Paingottoor Grama Panchayath by constructing a Water Tank and Water Treatment Plant in Kaliyar Range of Kothamangalam Division.

Inspection reports were submitted by the Chief Conservator of Forests (High Range Circle), Kottayam, and Divisional Forest Officer, Kothamangalam. They have specifically recommended for the project. As per the inspection report, Divisional Forest Officer has informed that the project will enhance the living standard of the poor village community, since scarcity of water is experienced in the panchayath and the project will not adversely affect Wildlife of the area. The extent of forest land required is only 0.2428 ha for establishing Water Tank at Vettickaloli and Water Treatment Plant at Poothakulam. The requirement of forest land is unavoidable and bare minimum. The main intention of the project is for drinking water supply for people at Paingottoor Grama Panchayath in Ernakulam District.

Government have examined the proposal in detail and are pleased to accord sanction for Stage 1 Approval for diversion of 0.2428 ha of forest land under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for providing water supply scheme for Paingottoor Panchayath in Ernakulam District, subject to the following conditions:-

- 1.Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged;
- 2.The User Agency shall have to pay Net Present Value, cost for Compensatory Afforestation etc. if demanded as per the prevailing rates;
- 3.The User Agency shall give undertaking to pay Net Present Value as per guidelines issued by Government of India;
- 4.The User Agency shall give an undertaking to pay additional Net Present Value if required;
- 5.User agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the value of

- trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department;
- 6.The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government;
 - 7.No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
 - 8.The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the Divisional Forest Officer concerned;
 - 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 land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal;
 - 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.Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980;
 - 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 shall be binding to the User Agency;
 14. The User Agency shall apply for renewal of approval after 30 years; &
 - 15.The User Agency has to sign an agreement with Divisional Forest Officer, Ranni, incorporating all the conditions imposed by Government of India/Government of Kerala/Kerala Forest Department in this regard and shall pay nominal lease rent as decided by the Government of Kerala.

(By order of the Governor)

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

The Chief Conservator of Forests (High Range Circle) Kottayam

The Divisional Forest Officer, Kothamangalam.

The Assistant Executive Engineer, Project Division, Kerala Water Authority, Project Sub Division, Piravom

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

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