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

**Subject:** A proposal for diversion of 0.0243 Ha (2 Locations) of forest land under Forest Conservation Act - 1980 for laying drinking water pipeline at Randampuzha through vested forest under Mangalamdam Forest Station of Alathur Range in Nemmara Forest Division in favour of M/s Assistant Engineer, LSGD Section, Kizhakkanchery Grama Panchayath, Kerala. **(Online Proposal No. FP/KL/Pipeline/145441/2021)**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government's Letter No. C3/39/2024/F&WLD dt 29/02/2024 seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section '2(1)' of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adihiniyam 1980 for the above-mentioned project.

2. After careful examination of the proposal of the State Government, **in-principle /Stage-I approval** of the Central Government is hereby granted under Section '2(1)' of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adihiniyam 1980 for diversion of **0.0243 ha** of forest land for diversion of 0.0243 Ha (2 Locations) of forest land under Forest Conservation Act - 1980 for laying drinking water pipeline at Randampuzha through vested forest under Mangalamdam Forest Station of Alathur Range in Nemmara Forest Division in favour of M/s Assistant Engineer, LSGD Section, Kizhakkanchery Grama Panchayath, Kerala subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

- i. The legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
- ii. The User Agency shall transfer online, the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted under this proposal, as per the guideline issued by Ministry vide letter No.5-3/2011-FC (Vol-I) dated 06/01/2022 and as per the provision of Chapter 3 of the consolidated Guidelines and

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Clarification issued vide MoEF&CC order dated 29.12.2023.

- iii. At the time of payment of the Net Present Value (NPV) at the then prevailing rate, the User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
- iv. Cost of raising ten times number of trees to be felled (subject to minimum number of 100 plants (including maintenance) shall be realized from the user agency towards compensatory Afforestation,
- v. 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/>);
- vi. Location of the area (Map with DGPS coordinates) identified for raising the CA plantation shall be furnished along with compliance report.
- vii. The KML file of the forest area to be diverted and CA area shall be uploaded on the e-green watch portal with all requisite details and same shall be submitted along with GPS id.
- viii. The State Govt./User Agency shall ensure to obtain necessary approval under applicable law/rules/orders including procedural/regulatory requirements under Eco Sensitive Zone, as the area proposed for diversion is located within the default Eco-Sensitive Zone of Chimmony Wildlife Sanctuary.
- ix. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost as per the directions of concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
- x. 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.
- xi. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land by the State Government.
- xii. No additional or new paths will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
- xiii. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.0243 Ha (2 Locations) and the forest area to be diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
- xiv. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department, or person without prior approval of the Central Government.
- xv. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
- xvi. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
- xvii. The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forest in the surrounding area.
- xviii. The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government and



Regional Office, Bangalore by the end of March every year.

- xix. The user agency shall comply with all the provisions of all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
- xx. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forest and Wildlife.
- xxi. Violation of any of these conditions will amounts to violation Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed under the Act, Rules and Guidelines relevant.

After receipt of compliance report on fulfillment of the conditions mentioned above, the proposal shall be considered for final approval under Section '2(1)' of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam 1980. Transfer of forest land shall not be affected till final approval is granted by the Central Government in this regard.

Further, it may also be noted that this in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 2 years from the date of issue of this letter. In the event of non-compliance of the above conditions within 2 years, the in-principle approval shall be deemed to be null and void.

Yours faithfully,

Signed by Anjankumar  
Besagarahalli Narayana  
Date: 18-03-2024 11:37:23

(B.N. ANJAN KUMAR)

Asstt. Inspector General of Forest (Central)

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3. The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Management) & Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Government of Kerala, 'Vanalakshmi', 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Forest Headquarters, Vazhuthacaud, Thiruvananthapuram, PIN- 695 014, Kerala.
4. The Assistant Engineer, office of the assistant engineer, LSGD section, Kizhakkenchery Kizhakkenchery PO, Palakkad district, Kerala-678684.
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