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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 0.758 ha. of forest land for laying a 12" dia cross country LPG pipeline from Kochi refinery to Palakkad (Kanjikode) connecting Udhayamperoor to IOC Plant in favour of Kochi Salem Pipeline Pvt. Ltd. (KSPPL).

Sir,

Please refer to State Government's letter No.C3/40/2016/F&WLD dated 04/03/2016 seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section'2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above-mentioned project.

As per the details given in the proposal, this is a case of re-diversion of 0.758 ha. (0.620 ha. in Thrissur Forest Division & 0.138 ha. in Nemmara Forest Division) of forest land for laying of pipeline from Cochin to Karur Via Coimbatore for transportation of petrol, diesel and kerosene by M/s Petronet CCK Limited, for which approval was accorded under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 vide Regional Office, Bangalore's letter No.F(C)/A/11.2/99/KER/MISC dated 15/02/2001.

Out of 0.758 ha. of forest land proposed for re-diversion, 0.4754 ha. falls in Peechi Wildlife Sanctuary. The clearance of Standing Committee of National Board of Wildlife and Hon'ble Supreme Court in respect of area falling in Peechi Wildlife Sanctuary is yet to be furnished by State Government/User Agency. The Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, New Delhi vide letter No.11-327/2015-FC dated 14/08/2015 had issued guidelines for processing of proposals seeking approval for use of forest land in protected areas and eco-sensitive zone of protected areas. As per the said guidelines ".... in case a proposal involves use of forest land both within and outside Protected Area(s), processing of such proposals and grant of approval under the FC Act by the Central Government for diversion of forest land falling outside the PAs will not be linked to recommendation of Standing Committee of NBWL and prior leave of the Hon'ble Supreme Court....."

In the light of the above guidelines, the proposal for re-diversion of forest land falling outside the Protected Area has been examined and after careful consideration of the proposal, the Central Government hereby conveys its in-principle (**Stage-I**) approval for re-diversion / use of diverted forest land of 0.2826 ha. (0.1446 ha. in Thrissur Forest Division & 0.138 ha. in

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