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Dated the 21th March, 2024

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

Subject: Diversion of 0.2023 ha. of forest land for construction of Mullapperiyar Police Station at Vallakkadavu in Idukki District - reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government's letter No.C3/71/2022/F&WLD dated 13/04/2022, 13/09/2022 and 02/12/2022 seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section '2 (1)' of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 for the above project.

2. After careful examination of the proposal of the State Government **in-principle approval /Stage-I clearance** of the Central Government is hereby granted under Section '2(1)' of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 for diversion of **0.2023 ha.** of forest land for construction of Mullapperiyar Police Station in Sy.No.182/Part of Manjumala Village, Vallakkadavu Reserve notified u/s 4 of Kerala Forest Act,1961 under Kottayam Forest Division, Idukki District by District Police Chief, Painavu, Idukki, Kerala subject to the following conditions:-

- i. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- ii. The User Agency shall transfer online, the Net Present Value (NPV) of

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the forest land being re-diverted under this proposal, as per the guideline issued by Ministry vide letter No.5-3/2011-FC (Vol-I) dated 06/01/2022. The requisite funds shall be transferred through online portal into CAMPA account of the State Concerned;

- 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. The User Agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the compensatory afforestation, at the current wage rate, to the State Forest Department. The CA scheme may include afforestation of indigenous species with appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years;
- v. The compensatory afforestation scheme, as approved, shall be implemented by the State Forest Department at the project cost within a period of three years from the date of grant of 'Final' approval;
- vi. Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 0.5 ha degraded forest land of identified for raising Compensatory Afforestation plantation at Sy.No.441 at Peermedu Village of Peermedu Taluk, Kallar in Murinjapuzha Forest Station in Erumely Range at the cost of the user agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided;
- vii. 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;
- viii. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
- ix. No additional or new paths will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
- x. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal;
- xi. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.2023 ha;
- xii. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be leased /mortgaged / transferred or hypothecated to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;
- xiii. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused;
- xiv. As proposed by the user agency, only semi-permanent structure to be built in the area as per the Layout plan;
- xv. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;

- xvi. 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;
- xvii. The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government and Integrated Regional Office, Bangalore by the end of March every year;
- xviii. The user agency shall comply with all the provisions of the 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;
- xix. 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;
- xx. All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/deposited in CAMPA account only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>). Amount deposited through other mode will not be accepted as compliance of the Stage-I clearance;
- xxi. The KML file of the area diverted and the CA shall be uploaded on the e-green watch portal with all requisite details and same shall be submitted along with compliance report;
- xxii. The State Govt. shall ensure that the complete compliance of FRA 2006 as per the rule 11 (7) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules 2023;
- xxiii. The State Govt./User Agency shall obtain necessary approval under applicable law/rules/orders including procedural/regulatory requirements under Eco Sensitive Zone;
- xxiv. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>);
- xxv. 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 and
- xxvi. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed under the Act, Rules and Guidelines relevant.

After receipt of compliance report on fulfilment of the conditions mentioned above, the proposal shall be considered for final approval under Section '2(1)' of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam 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.

Signed by Anjankumar
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Date: 22-03-2024 14:57:48

Yours faithfully,

(B.N. Anjan Kumar)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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4. The District Police Chief, Painavu, Idukki District, Kerala-685603.
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