



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Forest & Wildlife Department - Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Diversion of 0.1415 ha of forest land for installation of head over tank and pipeline as part of drinking water project (Jala Jeevan Mission) at Mancode in Chithevetty Estate of SFCK in Ambanar Forest Station of Pathanapuram Range - Stage I Approval - Orders Issued - regarding.

FOREST & WILDLIFE (C) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.312/2022/F&WLD Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 22-07-2022

Letter No. FC2-1434/2021 dated 01.07.2022 from the
Read Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Nodal
Officer, Thiruvananthapuram.

ORDER

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer as per the letter read above has recommended and forwarded the proposal in Form A under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.1415 ha of forest land for installation of head over tank and pipeline as part of drinking water project (Jala Jeevan Mission) at Mancode in Chithevetty Estate of SFCK in Ambanar Forest Station of Pathanapuram Range. The Assistant Executive Engineer, Water Supply Sub Division, Kerala Water Authority, Punalur is the User Agency. The proposal is for installation of head over tank and pipeline as part of drinking water project (Jala Jeevan Mission) at Mancode in Chithevetty Estate of SFCK in Ambanar Forest Station of Pathanapuram Range of Kollam Districts.

In the site inspection report, Divisional Forest Officer, Punalur mentioned that the proposed forest area is a part of leased out area to M/s State Farming Corporation of Kerala Ltd an autonomous body under Kerala Government for the cultivation of rubber crop. The project site is located at Mancode area under Pathanapuram Taluk of Kollam District. The area forms part of Chithalvetty reserved forest. The area does not have any rare/ endangered/ threatened species and is not

part of Protected area. The requirement of forest land as proposed by the User agency is unavoidable and bare minimum. The Chief Conservator of Forests (Southern Circle) Kollam recommended that the project is intended for providing drinking water to the local community in and around Mancode and adjoining areas of Pathanapuram Panchayath. The site is under rubber cultivation and there are no other wild flora and fauna found.

The proposal is uploaded in 'PARIVESH' website vide No. FP/KL/Water/145151/2021 and all due procedures have been completed.

In the circumstances, Government have examined the proposal under the general approval powers of the State Government vide 4.3 of F(C) Act,1980 guidelines, and are pleased to accord Stage I (in- principle) approval subject to the following conditions:

1. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
3. The User Agency shall make online payment of cost of Compensatory Afforestation, Net Present Value through e-payment module of forest clearance portal. (forestclearance.nic.in)
4. Additional amount of Net Present Value 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 State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
5. 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/>).
6. Necessary certificates/documents under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change vide letter No. 11-9/ 1998-FC(pt) dated 05.07.2013 shall be furnished before Stage-II clearance.
7. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
8. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
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 area shall be used only for the purpose for which it is granted. The total forest area utilized for this project shall not exceed 0.1415 ha.

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. The User Agency shall sign an agreement with Forest Department before transfer of the land to the User Agency.

13. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).

14. 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.

15. The User Agency shall apply for renewal after 25 years.

16. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation, of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change Guideline F. No. 11-42/2017-FC dated 29/01/2018.

(By order of the Governor)
RAJESH KUMAR SINHA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

To:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Chief Conservator of Forests (Southern Circle), Kollam.

Divisional Forest Officer, Punalur.

The Assistant Executive Engineer, Water Supply Sub Division, Kerala Water Authority, Punalur.

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

I&PR (Web & New Media) Department.

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Section Officer

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