



## GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

### Abstract

Forest & Wildlife Department - Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Diversion of 0.27 ha of forest land for the construction of Hill Highway passing through Kottayam Forest Division (Karimkallumoozhi to Plachery road) - Stage I Approval - Orders Issued - regarding.

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### FOREST & WILDLIFE (C) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.369/2022/F&WLD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 25-08-2022

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Read Letter No. FC2-1915/2022 dated 03.08.2022 from the 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 0.27 ha of forest land for the construction of Hill Highway passing through Kottayam Forest Division (Karimkallumoozhi to Plachery road). The Executive Engineer, KRFB-PMU, Pathanamthitta / Kottayam is the user agency. The project is for diversion of 0.27 ha of forest land passes through Karikkattoor Reserve and diversion is in eleven small bits on the margin of road.

As per the inspection report, the proposed widening is in eleven bits of land lies on either side of existing Plachery - Erumely road and these are marginal. The tree enumeration points 440 trees majority of being Teak, Maruthy, Macaranga, Mahagani etc. The nature of vegetation is moist deciduous type. The area has not yet recorded the presence of large Carnivores or Elephant, Guar etc. The proposed land is not a part of Wildlife Sanctuary, National Park, Elephant Corridor or Tiger Reserve. The requirement of forest land as proposed by the User agency is the barest minimum required for the project.The present

proposal involves widening and straightening of existing road connecting Erumely to Ranni (till Plachery). The area is not very important from Wildlife and Ecological point of view.

The proposal already is uploaded in union Ministry's website vide proposal No.FP/KL/ROAD/153443/2022 and all due procedures 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 0.27 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 Government of India.

12. The User Agency has to 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 the above conditions will warrant to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per guidelines issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change vide F.No.11-42/2017-FC dated 29/01/2018.

(By order of the Governor)  
K R JYOTHILAL  
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 (High Range Circle), Kottayam.

Divisional Forest Officer, Kottayam.

The Executive Engineer, Kerala Road Fund Board-PMU,  
Pathanamthitta/Kottayam, PWD Rest House Compound, Thiruvalla

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

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Section Officer

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