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**BY SPEED POST**

F.No.4-KLB1208/2019-BANI/1391  
Dated the 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2022

To

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

Subject: Diversion of 0.0745 ha. of forest land for the upgradation of Punalur – Muvattupuzha Highway in Ambanur Forest Station of Pathanapuram Range by the Executive Engineer, KPWD, KSTP, Ponkunnam -reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No. C3/115/2019/FWLD dated 26/08/2019 and PCCF's letter No.FC2-1649/2019 dated 06/01/2020 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section'2' of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The in-principle (Stage-I) approval to the project was accorded by the Central Government vide letter of even number dated 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2020. The State Government vide letter No. C3/115/2019/FWLD dated 12/03/2021 reported compliance to the conditions stipulated by the Central Government in the in-principle approval. Further, the Compliance report is submitted by State Government through Parivesh portal on 05/02/2022.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am directed to convey Central Government's approval (**Stage-II**) under Section'2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.0745 ha. of forest land for the upgradation of Punalur – Muvattupuzha Highway in Ambanur Forest Station of Pathanapuram Range by the Executive Engineer, KPWD, KSTP, Ponkunnam, subject to the following conditions:-

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The boundary of the forest land to be diverted shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost as per the directions of concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
3. Plantation of 10 times the number of trees to be felled shall be carried out at the cost of User Agency in the area identified by the State Forest Department.

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4. User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department.
5. The KML file of the area diverted and compensatory plantation taken up in lieu of felling of trees shall be uploaded in the e-green watch portal with all requisite details before issue of final approval by the State Government.
6. Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) 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 the State Government from the user agency.
7. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
8. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
9. The User Agency shall construct Box Culverts or other similar structures for easy movement of Wildlife.
10. The forest area shall be used for the purpose for which it is granted. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.0745 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 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.
13. 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.
14. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF&CC Guideline F.No.11-42/2017-FC dated 29/01/2018.
15. The State Government and user agency shall comply the provisions of all the Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, NGT order & Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.

Yours faithfully,

(B.N. Anjan Kumar)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Forests Deptt, Government of Kerala, 'Vanalakshmi', 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Forest Headquarters, Vazhuthacaud, Thiruvananthapuram-695 014, Kerala.
2. The 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.
3. The Executive Engineer, Kerala Public Works Department, KSTP Division, Ponkunnam, Kanjirapally, Kottayam -686 507.
4. Guard file.

(B.N. Anjan Kumar)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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9/21/2022