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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 17.263 ha of forest land for construction of Twin Tunnel with Four Lane Approaches for providing direct connectivity between Anakkampoyil Kalladi -Meppady road in Kozhikode and Wayanad District in favour of the Executive Engineer, Kerala Public Works Department, Roads Division, Kozhikode, Kerala. (Online Proposal No. FP/KL/ROAD/148616/2021) -reg.**

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letters No.C3/165/2022/F&WLD dated 29/07/2022 and APCCF, Nodal Officer F(C)Act & CEO, CAMPA letter No.3619/2021 dated 07/02/2023 & 24/02/2023 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section '2(1)' of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. The in-principle (Stage-I) approval to the project was accorded by the Central Government vide letter of even number dated 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023. The State Government vide letters No. C3/165/2022/F&WLD dated 12/11/2024 and 08/12/2025 have reported compliance to the conditions stipulated by the Central Government in the in-principle approval.

Further, the State Government vide letter dated 08/12/2025 has stated that the user agency has requested permission to cut and remove 20 trees for the construction of temporary bridge and temporary approach road in addition to the 104 trees for which permission was already granted based on the Stage-1 approval. The matter was examined and accepted by the Regional Empowered Committee constituted under Rule 6 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 in its meeting held on 06/02/2026.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am directed to convey Central Government's final approval (**Stage-II**) under Section '2(1)' of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of **17.263 ha** of forest land for construction of Twin Tunnel with Four Lane Approaches for providing direct connectivity between Anakkampoyil Kalladi - Meppady road in Kozhikode and Wayanad District in favour of the Executive Engineer, Kerala Public Works Department, Roads Division, Kozhikode, Kerala, subject to the following conditions:-

1. The legal status of 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 concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
3. Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised over equivalent extent of non-forest land identified in various survey numbers of Kollivayal, Chullikkad, Madaparambu & Manalvayal villages of Wayanad District, within two years from the date of Stage –II Clearance and maintained thereafter by the State Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency and at least 1000 plants per hectare shall be planted over identified non forest land within two years of grant of final approval.
4. Tree felling shall be restricted to the barest minimum possible and under confirmation from the local forest officials.
5. The KML file of the forest area diverted and CA area shall be uploaded on the e-green watch portal with all requisite details.
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 mitigation measures suggested by Chief Wildlife Warden shall be strictly implemented.
8. The user agency shall strictly comply with all the conditions stipulated in the Environmental Clearance (EC).
9. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
10. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land by the State Government.
11. Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel
12. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
13. Carrying out any non-forestry activity, in the notional land surface area above tunnel, is not permitted.
14. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
15. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 17.263 ha.
16. 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.

17. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
18. 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 lesser.
19. 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.
20. 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.
21. The State Government and user agency shall comply the provisions of the all 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.
22. Any other condition that the Regional Office of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bengaluru may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forest and Wildlife.
23. The conditions required to be adhered under the Forests Right Act, 2006 as per the guidelines issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 shall be strictly complied with.
24. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed under the Act, Rules and Guidelines relevant.

Yours faithfully,

**(Yasodha K)**

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

1. The Chief Executive Officer, National Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority, Ministry of Environment Forests & Climate Change, 3rd Floor (Front Portion), Supreme Court Metro Station Building (Line-3), New Delhi-110 001.
2. The Inspector General of Forests (ROHQ Division), Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Agni Wing, Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi – 110 003.
3. 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.
4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & 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.
5. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Chief Executive Officer, State CAMPA, Kerala, Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of

Forests, Forests Department, Government of Kerala, 'Vanalakshmi', 1<sup>st</sup> Floor,  
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6. The Executive Engineer, Kerala Public Works Department Roads Division,  
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7. Guard file /Office copy.