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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 7.414 ha of forest land for upgradation of 9.93 KM existing 66 KV Attingal-Palode SC Feeder to 110 KV double circuit from Mithirmala to Palode in favour of The Assistant Executive Engineer, Transmission Sub-division, KSEB Ltd., Nedumangad. (Online Proposal No. FP/KL/TRANS/50187/2020) - reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letters No. C3/79/2023-F&WLD dated 21/02/2023 & 07/06/2023, Nodal Officer, Kerala letter No.FC2-3774/2022 dated 25/03/2023 seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section '2' 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 11th July, 2023. The State Government vide letters No. C3/79/2023-FWLD dated 24/02/2026 has reported compliance to the conditions stipulated by the Central Government in the in-principle approval.

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 **7.414 ha** of forest land for upgradation of 9.93 KM existing 66 KV Attingal-Palode SC Feeder to 110 KV double circuit from Mithirmala to Palode in favour of The Assistant Executive Engineer, Transmission Sub-division, KSEB Ltd., Nedumangad subject to the following conditions:-

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The State Government shall ensure that 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 15.0 ha of degraded forest land in Ananthan Estate of Kallar Section, Palode Range, Thiruvananthapuram Division, 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 degraded forest land within two years of grant of final approval.
4. The State Government shall ensure that only wherever there is necessary, the felling of trees may be carried out and in other places where it is sufficient to maintain the line clearance by pruning/ lopping of branches in such cases, the trees need not be felled.
5. The State Government shall ensure that 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 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 by the State Government.
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 land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
11. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 7.414 ha.
12. 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.
13. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
14. 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.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. 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.
18. 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.
19. 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.

20. 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,

(Jayakrishnan VK , IFS)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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