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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 0.7922 ha. of forest land for upgradation of existing 66 KV SC Kalappetty Nenmara line to 110 KV DC line in favour of the Assistant Engineer-II, Kerala State Electricity Board Ltd (KSEBL), Sub Station, Sub Division, Palakkad Medical College –reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government's letter No. C3/88/2023-FWLD dated 24/02/2023 seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section '2' of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above project. The in-principle (Stage-I) approval to the project was accorded by the Central Government vide letter of even number dated 15th March, 2023. The State Government vide letter No.C3/88/2023-FWLD dated 24/05/2023 and 13/11/2023, (which is received on 14/03/2024 through Parivesh) reported compliance of 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 under Section '2(1)' of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 for diversion of **0.7922 ha.** of forest land for upgradation of existing 66 KV SC Kalappetty Nenmara line to 110 KV DC line in favour of the Assistant Engineer-II, Kerala State Electricity Board Ltd (KSEBL), Sub Station, Sub Division, Palakkad Medical College, subject to the following conditions:-

1. Legal status of the diverted 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. Compensatory Afforestation plantation shall be raised over an extent of 1 ha. of degraded forest land identified at Muringamala in Vemballur-Muringamala VFC

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Item No.184 Malavaram under Choolannur Section of Alathur Range in Nemmara division, Palakkad district for planting 1200 Nos. of trees (Medicinal species) as per the timeline prescribed in the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 at the cost of the User Agency.

4. 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. The user agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
5. 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.
6. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land by the State Government.
7. No additional or new paths will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
8. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
9. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.7922 ha.
10. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.
11. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
12. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
13. The conditions required to be adhered under the Forests Right Act, 2006 as per the rules/guidelines issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 shall be strictly complied with.
14. 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.
15. 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.
16. The user agency shall comply with all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
17. 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.
18. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.21 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of comprehensive guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019.

Signed by Anjankumar
Besagarahalli Narayana
Date: 27-03-2024 13:48:16

Yours faithfully,

(B.N. Anjan Kumar)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department,
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