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To

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,  
Government of Kerala,  
Forests & Wildlife (C) Department,  
Secretariat, Thiruvananthapuram,  
Kerala, PIN - 695 001.

**Subject:** Diversion of 1.4318 ha of forest land for widening of two lane National Highway into six lane National Highway from Vadakkencherry to Mannuthy under NHDP in favour of NHAI, Palakkad - reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter C2/120/2019-FWLD dated 18/11/2019 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 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2020. The Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife in its 58th meeting held on 3/7/2020 had recommended the proposal. The State Government vide letter No. C2/120/2019-FWLD dated 22/07/2023 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 approval (**Stage-II**) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of **1.4318 ha** of forest land (0.9984 ha in Peechi Wildlife Sanctuary and 0.4334 ha in Thrissur Division) for widening of existing two lane National Highway into six lane National Highway from Vadakkencherry to Mannuthy under NHDP in favour of NHAI, Palakkad subject to the following conditions:-

**A. Conditions which need to be complied prior to issue of final approval by State Government and handing over of forest land to User Agency**

1. The non-forest land transferred and mutated in the name of Forest Department for CA shall be notified as RF/PF.
2. The State Government shall upload the KML file of the forest area diverted and CA area on the e-green watch portal with all requisite details.
3. The conditions required to be adhered under Forests Right Act, 2006 as per the guidelines issued under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 shall be strictly complied with.

**B. Conditions which need to be complied after handing over of forest land to**

#### the User Agency by the State Government

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The User Agency will comply with all the conditions/mitigation measures imposed by Chief Wildlife Warden and NWFL in respect of the portion of the road passing through Poach Wildlife Sanctuary.
3. 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.
4. User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department.
5. Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised over an extent of 1.4316 ha of AIII category land belonging to Bheemanah village at Sy No 563 in Vellankundu taluk in Kolar district within three years from the date of Stage-I 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 land.
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. The user agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
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. 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.
10. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
11. 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 1.4316 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. 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.
14. The User agency shall obtain the Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental Protection Act, 1986, if applicable.
15. The concerned Divisional Forest Officer will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests or 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 Regional Office, Bangalore by the end of March every year.
17. The State Government and user agency shall comply the provisions of all the Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, MOU order & Non-Use Order pertaining to the project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
18. 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.
19. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to withdrawal of the approval.

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Act, 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.

Yours faithfully,



(B.N. Anjan Kumar)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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1. The Inspector General of Forests (RoHQ), Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Indra Paryavaran Bhawan, Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi – 110 003.
2. 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.
3. The Additional 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.
4. The DGM(T) & Project Director, National Highway Authority of India, No.310-A, Chandranagar Extension, Chandranagar P.O., Palakkad, Kerala – 678 007.
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