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Dated the 24th September, 2020

To

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

Subject:

Diversion of 0.2 ha. of forest land in Perunadu village, Ranni Forest Division for providing water supply scheme to Seethathodu Panchayath and Nilakkal, Plappally area in Perunad Panchayath in Pathanamthitta District in favour of Kerala Water Authority, Project Division, Adoor -reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No.FWLD-C1/9/2020/FWLD dated 30/01/2020 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 26st February, 2020. The State Government vide letter No. FWLD-C1/9/2020-FWLD dated 22/09/2020 has reported compliance to the conditions stipulated by the Central Government in the in-principle approval.

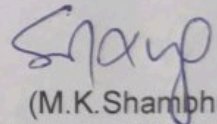
After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am directed to convey Central Government's approval (**Stage-II**) under Section'2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.2 ha. of forest land in Perunadu village, Ranni Forest Division for providing water supply scheme to Seethathodu Panchayath and Nilakkal, Plappally area in Perunad Panchayath in Pathanamthitta District in favour of Kerala Water Authority, Project Division, Adoor, 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 an area identified by the State Forest Department.
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.
5. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.

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6. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
7. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
8. 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 0.2 ha.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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,

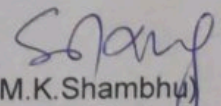


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Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Forests Deptt, Government of Kerala, 'Vanalakshmi', 1st 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', 1st Floor, Forest Headquarters, Vazhuthacaud, Thiruvananthapuram, PIN- 695 014, Kerala.
3. The Assistant Executive Engineer, Kerala Water Authority, Project Division Adoor, Pathanamthitta, Kerala -691 523.
4. The Secretary, Travancore Devaswom Board, Kawdiar Post, Nanthancodu, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala -695 003.
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