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To

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

Subject: Diversion of 0.0243 ha. of forest land for construction of Bridge at Avanippara Tribal Settlement, Konni Reserve Forest, Pathanamthitta District - reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No. C3/37/2017/F&WLD dated 02/05/2017 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 2nd January, 2018. The State Government vide letter No. C3/37/2017/F&WLD dated 21/10/2021 and 17/10/2022 reported compliance of the conditions stipulated by the Central Government in the in-principle approval. Further, the Compliance report is submitted by State Government through Parivesh portal on 21/10/2022.

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 0.0243 ha. of forest land for construction of Bridge at Avanippara Tribal Settlement, Konni Reserve Forest, Pathanamthitta District, for a period of 20 years 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. The KML file of the area diverted shall be uploaded in the e-green watch portal with all requisite details before issue of final approval by the State Government.
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.

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5. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
6. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
7. 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 0.0243 ha.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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,


(B.N. Anjan Kumar)

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Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

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', 1st Floor, Forest Headquarters, Vazhuthacaud, Thiruvananthapuram-695 014, Kerala.
3. 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.
4. The Tribal Development Officer, Tribal Development Office, Ranni P.O., Pathanamthitta District, Kerala – 689 672.
5. Guard file.


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