

TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

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To
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(Through **Conservator of Forests &**
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C.No. 7126/2016/D dated 28/11/2022

Sir,

Sub:- Forests - Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Madurai Circle / Theni Forest Division - Proposal for diversion of 0.018 ha of forest land for Construction of Kumily Border Police Check Post at Kumily in Theni District, Suranganar Reserved Forest, Cumbum West Range of Theni Forest Division, Theni - Additional Details Submission - Regarding.

- Ref:- 1) Government of India, Minister of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, F.No. 4-TNB 087/2022-CHN/568 dated 31.05.2022
2) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai, C.No. TS4/32117/ 2016 Dt:31.05.2022 & 10.10.2022
3) Conservator of Forests & Field Director, Madurai, Endt.No. 2484/2020/ D1 Dt:02.12.2021 & 19.09.2022
4) The District Forest Officer, Theni Forest Division, Theni C.No. 7126/2016/D dated 25.07.2022
5) The User Agency letter C.No. B1/38062/2013 dated 15.11.2022

With reference to the above subject, I submit that the details as called for in the above reference 1st cited is as follows,

S.No.	Query Raised	Reply.
1.	Copy of notification on Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary dated 31 st March 2016 with the list of regulated activities.	Copy of notification on Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary dated 31 st March 2016 with the list of regulated activities is enclosed herewith.

S.No.	Query Raised	Reply.
2.	<p>The approved Eco Sensitive zone for Megamalai Wildlife Division notification along with map duly marking the Eco Sensitive Zone boundary and the project site. If Eco Sensitive Zone is zero, clarification regarding implications of the recent Supreme Court Judgement should be provided.</p>	<p>The approved Eco Sensitive zone for Megamalai Wildlife Division notification along with map duly marking the Eco Sensitive Zone boundary is enclosed herewith.</p> <p>The Eco Sensitive Zone is zero in the project site and the distance between the project site and the SMTR, Megamalai boundary is 20m.</p> <p>As per the recent Hon'ble Supreme Court Judgement dated 03.06.2022, it was directed that each protected forest, that is national park or wildlife sanctuary must have an ESZ of minimum one kilometer measured from the demarcated boundary of such protected forest in which the activities prescribed and prescribed in the Guidelines of 9th February 2011 shall be strictly adhered to.</p> <p>Since the proposed Police Check Post being a requirement under security of the state and the proposed point being Tamil Nadu and Kerala State boundary and as Kumily town has many buildings by the side of the road already. Hence, the proposal for Construction of Check Post for Tamil Nadu Police may be considered.</p>
3.	<p>Action taken for obtaining the permission from the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India for removal of 1 No. of spontaneous growth of Bamboo clump.</p>	<p>The User Agency has submitted the undertaking for not felling 1No. of spontaneous growth of Bamboo Clump vide reference 5th cited (Copy Enclosed).</p>

5. ईआईए अधिसूचना, 2006 के अधीन आने वाली क्रियाकलापों की संवीक्षा के मामलों का सारांश ईआईए के अधीन न आने वाली क्रियाकलापों की संवीक्षा के मामलों का सारांश।
6. न्यूरों को उपाबंध के रूप में संलग्न किया जा सकेगा।
7. पर्यावरण (संरक्षण) अधिनियम, 1986 की धारा 19 के अधीन दर्ज की गई शिकायतों का सारांश।
8. महत्ता का कोई अन्य विषय।

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 31st March, 2016

S.O. 1276(E).—The following draft of the notification, which the Central Government proposes to issue in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1), read with clause (v) and clause (xiv) of sub-section (2) and sub-section (3) of section 3 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986) is hereby published, as required under sub-rule (3) of rule 5 of the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986, for the information of the public likely to be affected thereby; and notice is hereby given that the said draft notification shall be taken into consideration on or after the expiry of a period of sixty days from the date on which copies of the Gazette containing this notification are made available to the public;

Any person interested in making any objections or suggestions on the proposals contained in the draft notification may forward the same in writing, for consideration of the Central Government within the period so specified to the Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jorbagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi-110003, or send it to the e-mail address of the Ministry at esz-mef@nic.in

Draft Notification

Whereas, the Periyar Tiger Reserve is one of the oldest protected areas in Kerala situated between latitudes 9° 17' 56.04" and 9° 37' 10.2" N and longitudes 76° 56' 12.12" and 77° 25' 5.52" E in Idukki, Kottayam and Pathanamthitta Districts of Kerala;

And whereas, the Periyar Tiger Reserve is spread over an area of 925 square kilometres of which 881 square kilometres are critical tiger habitat and 44 square kilometres are buffer zone ;

And whereas, the Periyar Tiger Reserve situated in the Cardamom Hills and Pandalam Hills of the Southern Western Ghats forms the catchment of River Periyar and River Pamba;

And whereas, the Periyar Tiger Reserve harbours diverse array of rare, endangered and endemic biodiversity, including 66 species of mammals, 323 bird species, 48 reptile species, 29 amphibian species, 45 fish species, 167 butterfly species, 30 odonate species and nearly 2000 species of flowering plants;

And whereas, the Periyar Tiger Reserve one of the few protected area in India where the core area of the Tiger Reserve is completely inviolate this has been achieved with the active participation and cooperation of the local populace;

And whereas, the Periyar Tiger Reserve is also unique in having two sites of religious importance within its boundaries, the Mangaladevi temple which is open to the public only one day in a year, i.e. on Chitra Pournami, and the Sabarimala temple which attracts lakhs of pilgrims every year;

And whereas, in the year 2004, the Periyar Foundation was formed as an independent trust for supporting the Periyar Tiger Reserve management and for managing the eco-tourism activities and supporting research on various aspects of the Reserve, including biodiversity, socio-economic and livelihood issues and improving management practices and the success of the Foundation prompted an amendment to the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, (53 of 1972) which made mandatory for the formation of similar 'Foundations' in every Tiger Reserve in the country.

And whereas, it is necessary to conserve and protect the area, the extent and boundaries of which are specified in paragraph 1 of this notification around the protected area of Periyar Tiger Reserve as Eco-sensitive Zone from ecological and environmental point of view and to prohibit industries or class of industries and their operations and processes in the said Eco-sensitive Zone;

Now therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) and clauses (v) and (xiv) of sub-section (2) and sub-section (3) of section 3 of the Environment (Protection) Act 1986 (29 of 1986) read with sub-rule (3) of rule 5 of the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986, the Central Government hereby notifies an area up to an extent of two kilometres around the boundary of Periyar Tiger Reserve in the State of Kerala as the Periyar Tiger Reserve Eco-sensitive Zone (herein after referred to as the Eco-sensitive Zone) details of which are as under, namely:-

1. Extent and boundaries of Eco-sensitive Zone.—(1) The extent of Eco-Sensitive Zone is up to two kilometres around the boundary of Periyar Tiger Reserve and is spread over an area of 255.24 square kilometre and the description of the boundary are appended as **Annexure-I**.

(2) The map of the Eco-sensitive Zone along with co-ordinates of prominent points is appended as **Annexure II**

(3) The Eco-sensitive Zone covers eight revenue villages. The list of the villages falling within the Eco-sensitive Zone is appended as **Annexure III**.

2. Zonal Master Plan for the Eco-sensitive Zone.—(1) The State Government shall, for the purpose of the Eco-sensitive Zone prepare, a Zonal Master Plan, within a period of two years from the date of publication of the final notification in the Official Gazette, in consultation with local people and adhering to the stipulations given in this notification.

(2) The said Plan shall be approved by the competent authority in the State Government.

(3) The Zonal Master Plan for the Eco-sensitive Zone shall be prepared by the State Government in such manner as specified in this notification and also in consonance with the relevant Central and State laws and the guidelines issued by the Central Government, if any.

(4) The Zonal Master Plan shall be prepared in consultation with all concerned State Departments, namely:-

- (i) Environment,
- (ii) Forest,
- (iii) Urban Development,
- (iv) Tourism,
- (v) Municipal,
- (vi) Revenue,
- (vii) Agriculture,
- (viii) State Pollution Control Board,
- (ix) Irrigation, and
- (x) Public Works Department,

for integrating environmental and ecological considerations into it.

(5) The Master Plan shall not impose any restriction on the approved existing land use, infrastructure and activities, unless so specified in this notification and the Zonal Master Plan shall factor in improvement of all infrastructure and activities to be more efficient and eco-friendly.

(6) The Zonal Master plan shall provide for restoration of denuded areas, conservation of existing water bodies, management of catchment areas, watershed management, groundwater management, soil and moisture conservation, needs of local community and such other aspects of the ecology and environment that need attention.

(7) The Zonal Master Plan shall demarcate all the existing worshipping places, village and urban settlements, types and kinds of forests, agricultural areas, fertile lands, green area, such as, parks and like places, horticultural areas, orchards, lakes and other water bodies.

(8) The Zonal Master Plan shall regulate development in Eco-sensitive Zone as to ensure eco-friendly development for livelihood security of local communities.

(9) As the buffer zone of the Tiger Reserve is part of the Eco-sensitive Zone, the Tiger Conservation plan relating to the buffer zone shall also be taken into consideration during preparation of the Zonal Master Plan.

(10) Adequate publicity shall be given to the provisions of the Zonal Master Plan.

3. Measures to be taken by State Government.—The State Government shall take the following measures for giving effect to the provisions of this notification, namely:-

(1) **Land use.**—Forests, horticulture areas, agricultural areas, parks and open spaces earmarked for recreational purposes in the Eco-sensitive Zone shall not be used or converted into areas for commercial or industrial related development activities:

Provided that the conversion of agricultural lands within the Eco-sensitive Zone may be permitted on the recommendation of the Monitoring Committee, and with the prior approval of the State Government, to meet the residential needs of local residents, and for the activities listed against serial numbers 13, 18, 24, 30 and 33 in column (2) of the Table in paragraph 4, namely:-

- (i) Eco-friendly cottages for temporary occupation of tourists, such as tents, wooden houses, etc. for eco-friendly tourism activities,
- (ii) Widening and strengthening of existing roads,
- (iii) Small scale industries not causing pollution,
- (iv) Rainwater harvesting, and
- (v) Cottage industries including village industries, convenience stores and local amenities:

Provided further that no use of tribal land shall be permitted for commercial and industrial development activities without the prior approval of the State Government and without compliance of the provisions of article 244 of the Constitution or the law for the time being in force, including the Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (2 of 2007):

Provided also that any error appearing in the land records within the Eco-sensitive Zone shall be corrected by the State Government, after obtaining the views of Monitoring Committee, once in each case and the correction of said error shall be intimated to the Central Government in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change:

Provided also that the above correction of error shall not include change of land use in any case except as provided under this sub-paragraph.

Provided also that there shall be no consequential reduction in green area, such as forest area and agricultural area and efforts shall be made to reforest the unused or unproductive agricultural areas.

(2) **Natural springs.**—The catchment areas of all natural springs shall be identified and plans for their conservation and rejuvenation shall be incorporated in the Zonal Master Plan and the guidelines shall be drawn up by the State Government in such a manner as to prohibit development activities at or near these areas which are detrimental to such areas.

(3) **Tourism.**—(a) The activity relating to tourism within the Eco-sensitive Zone shall be as per Tourism Master Plan, which shall form part of the Zonal Master Plan.

(b) The Tourism Master Plan shall be prepared by Department of Tourism, Government of Kerala in consultation with Department of Revenue and Forests, Government of Kerala.

(c) The activity of tourism shall be regulated as under, namely:-

(i) all new tourism activities or expansion of existing tourism activities within the Eco-sensitive Zone shall be in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Central Government in the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change and the eco-tourism guidelines issued by National Tiger Conservation Authority, (as amended from time to time) with emphasis on eco-tourism, eco-education and eco-development and based on carrying capacity study of the Eco-sensitive Zone;

(ii) No new commercial hotels and resorts shall be permitted, within one kilometer of the boundary of the Protected Area or the extent of Eco-sensitive Zone whichever is nearer, except for accommodation for temporary occupation of tourists related to eco-friendly tourism activities.

Provided that extension of existing establishments may be allowed in accordance with the Zonal Master Plan.

However, where Eco-sensitive Zone extends beyond one kilometer, then beyond one kilometer and up to the extent of the Eco-sensitive Zone, all new tourism activities or expansions of existing activities would be conformity with Tourism Master Plan and National Tiger Conservation Authority guidelines.

(iii) till the Zonal Master Plan is approved, development for tourism and expansion of existing tourism activities shall be permitted by the concerned regulatory authorities based on the actual site specific scrutiny and recommendation of the Monitoring Committee.

(4) **Natural heritage.**—All sites of valuable natural heritage in the Eco-sensitive Zone, such as the gene pool reserve areas, rock formations, waterfalls, springs, gorges, groves, caves, points, walks, rides, cliffs, etc. shall be identified and

preserved and plan shall be drawn up for their protection and conservation, within six months from the date of publication of this notification and such plan shall form part of the Zonal Master Plan.

(5) **Man-made heritage sites.**—Buildings, structures, artefacts, areas and precincts of historical, architectural, aesthetic, and cultural significance shall be indentified in the Eco-sensitive Zone and plans for their conservation shall be prepared within six months from the date of publication of this notification and incorporated in the Zonal Master Plan.

(6) **Noise pollution.**—The Environment Department of the State Government shall draw up guidelines and regulations for the control of noise pollution in the Eco-sensitive Zone in accordance with the provisions of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 (14 of 1981) and the rules made thereunder.

(7) **Air pollution.**—The Environment Department of the State Government shall draw up guidelines and regulations for the control of air pollution in the Eco-sensitive Zone in accordance with the provisions of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 (14 of 1981) and the rules made thereunder.

(8) **Discharge of effluents.**—The discharge of treated effluent in Eco-sensitive Zone shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 (6 of 1974) and the rules made thereunder.

(9) **Solid wastes.** - Disposal of solid wastes shall be as under:-

(i) the solid waste disposal in Eco-sensitive Zone shall be carried out as per the provisions of the Municipal Solid Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 2000 published by the Government of India in the erstwhile Ministry of Environment and Forest *vide* notification number S.O. 908 (E), dated the 25th September 2000 as amended from time to time;

(ii) the local authorities shall draw up plans for the segregation of solid wastes into biodegradable and non-biodegradable components;

(iii) the biodegradable material shall be recycled preferably through composting or vermiculture;

(iv) The inorganic material may be disposed in an environmental acceptable manner at site identified outside the Eco-sensitive Zone and no burning or incineration of solid wastes shall be permitted in the Eco-sensitive Zone.

(10) **Bio-medical waste.**—The bio-medical waste disposal in the Eco-sensitive Zone shall be carried out as per the provisions of the Bio-Medical Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 1998 published by the Government of India in the erstwhile Ministry of Environment and Forest *vide* notification number S.O. 630(E), dated the 20th July, 1998 as amended from time to time.

(11) **Vehicular traffic.** - The vehicular movement of traffic shall be regulated in a habitat friendly manner and specific provisions in this regard shall be incorporated in the Zonal Master Plan and till such time as the Zonal master plan is prepared and approved by the Competent Authority in the State government, the Monitoring Committee shall monitor compliance of vehicular movement under the relevant Acts and the rules and regulations made thereunder.

(12) **Industrial units.**—(a) No establishment of new wood based industries within the proposed Eco-sensitive Zone shall be permitted except the existing wood based industries set up as per the law.

(b) No establishment of any new industry causing water, air, soil, noise pollution within the proposed Eco-sensitive Zone shall be permitted.

4. **List of activities prohibited or to be regulated within the Eco-sensitive Zone.**—All activities in the Eco sensitive Zone shall be governed by the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986) and the rules made thereunder, and be regulated in the manner specified in the table below, namely:-

TABLE

S.No.	Activity	Remarks
(1)	(2)	(3)
Prohibited activities:		
1.	Commercial mining, stone quarrying and crushing units.	(a) New and existing mining (minor and major minerals), stone quarrying and crushing units shall be prohibited effect except for the domestic needs of <i>bona fide</i> local residents with reference to digging of earth for

		<p>construction or repair of houses and for manufacture of country tiles or bricks for housing for personal consumption.</p> <p>(b) The mining operations shall strictly be in accordance with the interim order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated the 4th August, 2006 in the matter of T.N. Godavarman Thirumulpad Vs. Union of India in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202 of 1995 and order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated the 21st April, 2014 in the matter of Goa Foundation Vs. Union of India in Writ Petition (Civil) No.435 of 2012.</p>
2.	Setting up of saw mills.	No new or expansion of existing saw mills shall be permitted within the Eco-sensitive Zone.
3.	Setting up of industries causing water or air or soil or noise pollution, setting up of hide based industries.	No new or expansion of polluting industries in the Eco-sensitive Zone shall be permitted.
4.	Commercial use of firewood.	Prohibited (except as otherwise provided) as per applicable laws. Permitted for bonafide use of tribals.
5.	Establishment of new major hydroelectric projects and irrigation projects.	Prohibited (except as otherwise provided) as per applicable laws.
6.	Use or production of any hazardous substances.	Prohibited (except as otherwise provided) as per applicable laws.
7.	Discharge of untreated effluents and solid waste in natural water bodies or land area.	Prohibited (except as otherwise provided) as per applicable laws.
8.	Undertaking activities related to tourism like over-flying the National Park Area by aircraft, hot-air balloons.	Prohibited (except as otherwise provided) as per applicable laws.
9	New wood based industry.	<p>Establishment of new wood based industry shall not be permitted within the limits of Eco-sensitive Zone:</p> <p>Provided the existing wood-based industry may continue as per law</p>
10	Commercial water resources including ground water harvesting.	<p>(a) Extraction of surface water and ground water for industrial or commercial use including for commercial mineral water plants and aerated drinks, bottling plants shall not be permitted in the Eco-sensitive Zone.</p> <p>(b) The extraction of surface water and ground water shall be permitted only for <i>bona fide</i> agricultural use and domestic consumption of the occupier of the land.</p> <p>(c) no sale of surface water or ground water shall be permitted;</p> <p>(d) steps shall be taken to prevent contamination or pollution of water from any source including agriculture.</p>
11	Dumping of solid wastes/plastic wastes /chemical wastes in the river and the land area.	Prohibited (except as otherwise provided) as per applicable laws.
12	Setting up of industries producing chemicals, industries manufacturing explosives.	Prohibited (except as otherwise provided) as per applicable laws.

Regulated activities:		
13.	Establishment of hotels and resorts.	<p>No new commercial hotels and resorts shall be permitted, within one kilometer of the boundary of the Protected Area or the extent of Eco-sensitive Zone whichever is nearer, except for accommodation for temporary occupation of tourists related to eco-friendly tourism activities.</p> <p>Provided that extension of existing establishments may be allowed in accordance with the Zonal Master Plan.</p> <p>However, where Eco-sensitive Zone extends beyond one kilometer, then beyond one kilometer and up to the extent of the Eco-sensitive Zone, all new tourism activities or expansions of existing activities would be conformity with Tourism Master Plan and National Tiger Conservation Authority guidelines.</p>
14	Construction activities.	<p>(a) No new commercial construction of any kind shall be permitted, within one kilometer of the boundary of the Protected Area or the extent of Eco-sensitive Zone whichever is nearer:</p> <p>Provided that local people shall be permitted to undertake construction in their land for residential use including the activities listed in sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 3. (b) The construction activity related to small scale industries not causing pollution shall be permitted as per applicable rules and regulations, if any.</p> <p>with the prior permission from the competent authority.</p> <p>(c) However, where Eco-sensitive Zone extends beyond one kilometer, then beyond one kilometer and upto the extent of Eco-sensitive Zone, construction for bona fide local needs shall be permitted and other commercial construction activities shall be in conformity with the Zonal Master Plan.</p> <p>(c) construction activity in the Eco-sensitive Zone shall be as per Zonal Master Plan</p>
15.	Felling of trees.	<p>(a) There shall be no felling of trees on the forest or Government or revenue or private lands without prior permission of the competent authority in the State Government;</p> <p>(b) the felling of trees shall be regulated in accordance with the provisions of the concerned Central or State Act and the rules made thereunder.</p> <p>(c) in case of Reserve Forests and Protected Forests the Working Plan prescriptions shall be followed.</p>
16.	Erection of electrical cables and telecommunication towers.	Promote underground cabling
17.	Fencing of existing premises of hotels and lodges.	Regulated under applicable laws.
18.	Widening and strengthening of existing roads.	Shall be done with proper Environment Impact Assessment and mitigation measures, as applicable.
19.	Movement of vehicular traffic at night.	Regulated for commercial purpose, under applicable laws.

20.	Introduction of exotic species.	Regulated for commercial purpose, under applicable laws.
21.	Protection of hill slopes and river banks.	Regulated for commercial purpose, under applicable laws.
22.	Discharge of treated effluents in natural water bodies or land area.	Recycling of treated effluent shall be encouraged and for disposal of sludge or solid wastes, the existing regulations shall be followed.
23.	Commercial Sign boards and hoardings.	Regulated under applicable laws.
24.	Small scale industries not causing pollution.	Non polluting, non-hazardous, small-scale and service industry, agriculture, floriculture, horticulture or agro-based industry producing products from indigenous goods from the Eco-sensitive Zone, and which do not cause any adverse impact on environment shall be permitted.
25.	Collection of Forest produce or Non-Timber Forest Produce (NTFP).	Regulated under applicable laws.
26.	Air and vehicular pollution.	Regulated under applicable laws.
27.	Use of polythene bags by shopkeepers	Regulated under applicable laws.
28.	Drastic change of agriculture systems.	Regulated under applicable laws.
Promoted activities:		
29.	Ongoing agriculture and horticulture practices by local communities along with dairies, dairy farming and fisheries.	Permitted under applicable laws.
30.	Rain water harvesting.	Shall be actively promoted.
31.	Organic farming.	Shall be actively promoted.
32.	Adoption of green technology for all activities.	Shall be actively promoted.
33.	Cottage industries including village artisans, etc.	Shall be actively promoted.
34.	Use of renewable energy sources.	Bio gas, solar light etc to be promoted.

5. Monitoring Committee.—(1) The Central Government hereby constitutes a Monitoring Committee, for effective monitoring of the Eco-sensitive Zone, which shall comprise of the following namely:-

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| (i) | The District Collector, Idukki | —Chairman; |
| (ii) | Representative of the District Collector, Kottayam | —Member; |
| (iii) | Representative of the District Collector, Pathanamthitta | —Member; |
| (iv) | The Member of Legislative Assembly, Peermedu
(Subject to the State Government of Kerala obtaining relevant approvals <i>inter alia</i> including permission from the Speaker of Legislative Assembly, Kerala, if required) | —Member; |
| (v) | The Member of Legislative Assembly, Ranni
(Subject to the State Government of Kerala obtaining relevant approvals <i>inter alia</i> including permission from the Speaker of Legislative Assembly, Kerala, if required) | —Member ; |

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| (vi) | The Member of Legislative Assembly, Kanjirappally
(Subject to the State Government of Kerala obtaining relevant approvals <i>inter alia</i> including permission from the Speaker of Legislative Assembly, Kerala, if required) | -Member ; |
| (vii) | President, District Panchayat, Idukki | -Member; |
| (viii) | President, District Panchayat, Pathanamthitta | -Member; |
| (ix) | President, District Panchayat, Kottayam | -Member; |
| (x) | One representative of Non-Governmental Organisation working in the field of environment to be nominated by the Government of Kerala for a term of one year in each case | -Member; |
| (xi) | one expert in the area of ecology and environment from a reputed institution of University in the State to be nominated by the Government of Kerala for a term of one year in each case | -Member; |
| (xii) | Kerala Pollution Control Board, District Officer, Idukki - | -Member; |
| (xiii) | Kerala Pollution Control Board, District Officer, Pathanamthitta - | -Member; |
| (xiv) | Kerala Pollution Control Board, District Officer, Kottayam - | -Member; |
| (xv) | Deputy Director Periyar East Division - Member-Secretary. | |

6. **Terms of Reference.**—(1) The Monitoring Committee shall monitor the compliance of the provisions of this notification.

- (2) The activities that are covered in the Schedule to the notification of the Government of India in the erstwhile Ministry of Environment and Forest number S.O. 1533(E), dated the 14th September, 2006, and are falling in the Eco-sensitive Zone, except the prohibited activities as specified in column(3) of the Table under paragraph 4 thereof, shall be scrutinized by the Monitoring Committee based on the actual site-specific conditions and referred to the Central Government in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change for prior environmental clearances under the provisions of the said notification.
- (3) The activities that are not covered in the schedule to the notification of the Government of India in the erstwhile Ministry of Environment and Forest number S.O. 1533(E), dated the 14th September, 2006 but are falling in the Eco-sensitive Zone, except the prohibited activities as specified in column (3) of the Table under paragraph 4 thereof, shall be scrutinized by the Monitoring Committee based on the actual site-specific conditions and referred to the concerned regulatory authorities.
- (4) The Member-Secretary of the Monitoring Committee or the concerned Collector or the concerned park in-charge shall be competent to file complaints under section 19 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 against any person who contravenes the provisions of this notification.
- (5) The Monitoring Committee may invite representatives or experts from concerned Departments, representatives from industry associations or concerned stakeholders to assist in its deliberations depending on the requirements on issue to issue basis.
- (6) The Monitoring Committee shall submit the annual action taken report of its activities as on 31st March of every year by 30th June of that year to the Central Government in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change as per proforma given in **Annexure IV**.
- (7) The Central Government in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change may give such directions, as it deems fit, to the Monitoring Committee for effective discharge of its functions.

7. The Central Government and State Government may specify additional measures, if any, for giving effect to provisions of this notification.

8. The provisions of this notification shall be subject to the orders, if any, passed, or to be passed, by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India or the High Court or National Green Tribunal.

[F.No.25/171/2015-ESZ-RE]

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ANNEXURE-I**BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION OF THE ECO-SENSITIVE ZONE**

The boundary description of Periyar Tiger Reserve Eco-sensitive Zone is as follows:

- North:** The boundary starts from a peak with the height of 489 m [Point 1] on the South of Sabari Para in Ranni RF and proceeds towards North East in a straight line to touch the peak of Gopara Mala (554 m) [Point 2] and further proceeds towards North East up to the RF boundary on the North West of Koruthodu (at 9°28'27.46" N and 76°56'59.35" E) [Point 3]. Thence the boundary proceeds towards North East to touch the Ranni RF boundary at 9°28'44.14" N and 76°57'28.29" E on the East [Point 4] of Manjakal Mudi. Thence the boundary proceeds towards North East in a straight line to the peak of Manjakal Mudy (528 m) [Point 5] and further proceeds towards North East along the Northern Boundary of Ranni RF up to the confluence of Panni Ar and Azhutha Ar [Point 6]. Thence the boundary proceeds towards North East and East along the watershed line to touch the Eastern Boundary of Ranni RF at the peak with the height of 1073 m [Point 7] located on the South of Grambi estate and further proceeds towards East along the Ranni RF boundary up to a point at 9°31'41.69" N and 77°03'38.62" E [Point 8]. Thence the boundary proceeds towards East in a straight line to touch the peak with the height of 1078 m [Point 9] (located on the South of Grambi estate). The boundary thence proceeds towards East to touch the peak with the height of 1085 m located on the North of Mount Colony. The boundary thence proceeds towards North to touch the peak with the height of 1049 m [Point 11] located on the West of Kadasikadu and further proceeds towards North East up to the confluence of a stream originates from Varayattumotta Mala and the Periyar River (9°33'40.99" N and 77°04'55.56" E) [Point 12]. The boundary proceeds towards North in a straight line to touch the road between Vandiperiyar and Moozhiyar near Mariyamman Temple at 9°34'16.93" N and 77°05'52.54" E" [Point 13]. Thence the boundary proceeds towards North East in a straight line to touch the KK Road at 9°34'52.97" N and 77°06'31.47" E" [Point 14] on the East of VallardiKavala. The boundary thence proceeds towards North-East in a straight line towards the peak with the height of 1097 m (near Vallardi) [Point 15] and further proceeds towards East touching the points at 9°36'21.36" N and 77°08'13.72" E" [Point 16] and 9°36'37.25" N and 77°08'18.04" [Point 17] on the South of Murukkadi in Murukkadi Estate. The boundary further proceeds towards North-West up to the road between Murukkadi and Kumily at 9° 36'50.70" N and 77°08'28.37" E [Point 18] on the East of Murukkadi. from Point 18, the boundary thence proceeds towards North East touching the points at 9°37'26.08" N and 77°09'7.42"E [Point 19] at Attappallam, 9°37'34.75" N and 77°09'44.24" E [Point 20] located between Attappallam and Amaravathi, 9°37'27.79" N and 77°10'06.57" E [Point 21] located on the eastern side of Kumily-Munnar Road in Amaravathi and the boundary ends at a peak with 987 m height [Point 22] on the interstate boundary.
- East:** From Point 22 the boundary proceeds towards south along the interstate boundary up to a point (9°36'30.31" N and 77°10'35.77" E) [Point 23] near Rosapookandam where the PTR boundary merge with the interstate boundary. Thence the boundary proceeds towards South and South West along the Northern Boundary of Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary up to a point where the Southern Boundary of PTR merge with interstate boundary at 9°16'15.96" N and 77°16'58.98" E [Point 24] near Kalli Malai on the interstate boundary. Thence the boundary proceeds towards South along the interstate boundary touching the peak with 1630 m [Point 25] and ends at a point 9°15'10.51" N and 77°16'58.02" E [Point 26].
- South and West:** From Point 26, the boundary proceeds towards west through the peaks with the height of 1373 m [Point 27], 1210 m [Point 28], 1391 m [Point 29], 1282 m [Point 30], and 1046 m [Point 31] located on the eastern side of Kakki reservoir and South of PTR in Goodrical RF. The boundary further proceeds towards North to a peak with the height of 1061 m [Point 32] located amidst the water spread area of Kakki reservoir. from Point 32 the boundary runs towards South West across the Kakki reservoir to touch the peak with the height of 1175 m [Point 33] located on the South West of Kakki Dam and further proceeds towards North West touching the peak with the height of 1070 M [Point 34] located on the South of Svargavathil and up to Kaduva Thavalam (990 m) [Point 35]. From this point the boundary runs towards West touching the peaks of Puda Mala (890 m) [Point 36] located on the Western Boundary of Goodrical RF, Erachi Para (569 m) [Point 37], Kolla Kunnu (716 m) [Point 38] and up to a point (9°23'11.00" N 77°01'03.04" E) [Point 39] on the Eastern Boundary of Nilakal Thavalam. The boundary thence proceeds towards North along the Eastern Boundary of Nilakal Thavalam, towards West along the Northern Boundary of Nilakal Thavalam and towards South along the Western Boundary of Nilakal Thavalam up to a point 9°23'19.98" N and 77°00'27.83" E [Point 40]. From this point the boundary run towards Northwest through the point 9°23'27.76" N and 77°00'01.59" E [Point 41] up to the road between Chalakayam and Plappally near Eramankulam teak plantation (9°23'48.91" N and 76°59'40.37" E) [Point 42]. From this location the boundry proceeds towards Northwest to touch the Northern Boundary of Rajampara RF where Valathodu [Point 43] and the boundary further proceeds towards West in a straight line cutting across the teak plantation to Mayiladum Para (622 m) [Point 44]. The boundary thence proceeds in Rajampara RF towards North West through the points 9°24'12.12" N and 76°55'49.35" E [Point 45] located on the South of a tributary of Pamba River,

The Longitudes and Latitudes of the key locations in the boundary of Periyar Tiger Reserve Eco-Sensitive Zone

POINT ID	LOCATION	LONGITUDE (DD/MM/SS.SS)	LATITUDE (DD/MM/SS.SS)
1	Sabari Para [489 m.] in Ranni RF	76 54 49.6944	9 26 33.3672
2	Gopara Mala [554 m.] in Ranni RF	76 56 8.3436	9 27 48.3624
3	A location on the north of Koruthodu in Ranni RF	76 56 59.352	9 28 27.462
4	A location on the east of ManjakalMudi in Ranni RF	76 57 28.2888	9 28 44.1372
5	A peak with 528 m. height on the northern boundary of Ranni RF	76 58 5.6352	9 29 1.6188
6	Confluence of PanniAr and AzhuthaAr	77 0 36.954	9 30 57.0456
7	A peak with 1073 m. height on the south of Gramby Estate	77 2 0.6036	9 31 49.4148
8	A location on the eastern boundary of Ranni RF	77 3 38.6244	9 31 41.6928
9	A peak with 1078 m. height on the south of Gramby Estate	77 3 43.9704	9 31 41.79
10	A peak with 1085 m. height on the north of Mount Colony	77 4 28.3944	9 31 43.752
11	A peak with 1049 m. height on the west of Kadasikkadu	77 4 26.922	9 32 54.1644
12	Confluence of a stream originating from Varayattumotta Mala and Periyar River	77 4 55.56	9 33 40.9896
13	Mariyamman temple along the road between Vandiperiyar and Vallakadavu	77 5 52.5372	9 34 16.932
14	A location on the KK Road ON THE EAST OF Valardikavala	77 12 30.006	9 16 51.5784
15	A peak with 1097 m. height at Valardi	77 7 7.7068	9 36 10.35
16	A location on the south of Murukkadi in Murukkadi Estate	77 8 13.722	9 36 21.3624
17	A location on the south of Murukkadi in Murukkadi Estate	77 8 18.0384	9 36 37.2528
18	A location on the Murukkadi-Chelimada road	77 8 28.3668	9 36 50.7024
19	A location in Attapallam	77 9 7.416	9 37 26.076
20	A location between Attapallam and Amaravathi	77 9 40.2372	9 37 34.7484
21	A location on the eastern side of Kumily-Munnar road in Amaravathi	77 10 6.5672	9 37 27.7896
22	A peak with 987 m. height on the interstate boundary	77 10 35.3928	9 37 36.0624
23	A junction where PTR boundary meet with interstate boundary	77 10 35.7708	9 36 30.3084
24	A location on the southern boundary of PTR near KalliMalai on the interstate boundary	77 16 58.9836	9 16 15.9564
25	A peak with 1630m. height on the interstate boundary	77 16 57.5004	9 15 43.956
26	A location on the interstate boundary on the south of Poiht 25	77 16 58.062	9 15 10.512
27	A peak with 1373 m. height in Goodrical RF on the east of Kakki reservoir	77 15 42.7068	9 15 38.5668
28	A peak with 1210 m. height in Goodrical RF on the east of Kakki reservoir	77 13 18.5484	9 16 0.534
29	A peak with 1391 m. height in Goodrical RF on the east of Kakki reservoir	77 12 30.006	9 16 51.5784
30	A peak with 1282 m. height in Goodrical RF on the east of Kakki reservoir	77 11 26.2608	9 17 24.0396
31	A peak with 1046 m. height in Goodrical RF on the east of Kakki reservoir	77 9 51.7248	9 17 48.8508

POINT ID	LOCATION	LONGITUDE (DD/MM/SS.SS)	LATITUDE (DD/MM/SS.SS)
32	A peak with 1061 m. height in Goodrical RF on the east of Kakki reservoir	77 10 7.4136	9 19 46.7256
33	A peak with 1070 m. height on the south of Swargavathil	77 8 15.324	9 18 58.626
34	A peak with 1070 m. height on the south of Swargavathil	77 6 31.2732	9 19 50.1096
35	Kaduva Thavalam [990m]	77 6 14.0112	9 22 25.0572
36	Puda Mala [890 m.]	77 5 16.35	9 22 13.8792
37	Erachi Para [569 m.]	77 3 55.1484	9 22 22.7028
38	Kollakunnu [716 m.]	77 1 51.9744	9 23 7.7172
39	A location on the eastern boundary of Nilakkal Thavalam	77 1 3.0396	9 23 11.004
40	A location on the western boundary of Nilakkal Thavalam	77 0 27.8316	9 23 19.9752
41	A location between Eramankulam and Nilakkal Thavalam	77 0 1.5912	9 23 27.7548
42	A location on the road between Chalakkayam and Plappally near teak plantation	76 59 40.3692	9 23 48.9048
43	A location on the Vallatha Todu stream amidst teak plantation	76 59 32.784	9 24 4.9788
44	Mayiladam Para [622m.] in Rajampara RF	76 56 33.8424	9 23 43.4148
45	A location on the south of a tributary of Pamba River in Rajampara RF	76 55 49.3536	9 24 12.1176
46	A location on the tributary of Pamba River in Rajampara RF	76 55 31.5588	9 24 31.788
47	A location near Pamba River in Rajampara RF	76 55 22.7676	9 25 4.1628
48	A location on the left bank of Pamba River on the south of Eruvapuzha	76 55 22.0584	9 25 22.5624
49	A location on the Road from Eruvapuzha to Kanamala	76 55 19.8984	9 25 46.8804
50	A location on the north of Eruvapuzha on the southern boundary of Ranni RF	76 55 23.0376	9 26 3.1596

ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF VILLAGES AND VESTED FORESTS IN ECO-SENSITIVE ZONE

List of Villages in the Periyar Tiger Reserve Eco-Sensitive Zone

DISTRICT: Idukki

TALUK: Peermade

Sl No.	VILLAGE	STATUS (Partial/full)
1.	Mlapara	Partial
2.	Kumily	Partial
3	Vandiperiyar	Partial
4	Manchumala	Partial

DISTRICT: Kottayam

TALUK: Kanjirapally

Sl No.	VILLAGE	STATUS (Partial/full)
1.	Erumely South	Partial
2.	Erumely North	Partial

DISTRICT: Pathanamthitta**TALUK: Ranni**

Sl No.	VILLAGE	STATUS (Partial/full)
1.	Kollamula	Partial
2	Perinad	Partial

Exceptions and Exemptions in the Periyar Tiger Reserve Eco-sensitive Zone

1. 56.40ha of land with TDB within Periyar Tiger Reserve used for Sabarimala. This land shall be managed as per Master Plan approved by Government of Kerala.
2. 20.7046 km² of leased land to KSEB under Sabarigiri Project is specifically allowed for non-forestry use under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 imposing special conditions. Hence the conditions as per Government of India and Government of Kerala sanctions shall be followed.
3. Other areas: Leased areas to Kerala Tourism Development Corporation [8.58 ha], Kerala Labour Welfare Board [2.864 ha] have been conditionally exempted under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 imposing special conditions.

These areas shall be managed as per the special conditions.

ANNEXURE-IV**Performa of Action Taken Report: - Eco-sensitive Zone Monitoring Committee.—**





1. Number and date of meetings.
2. Minutes of the meetings: mention main noteworthy points. Attach minutes of the meeting as separate Annexure.
3. Status of preparation of Zonal Master Plan including Tourism Master Plan.
4. Summary of cases dealt for rectification of error apparent on face of land record.
[Details may be attached as Annexure]
5. Summary of cases scrutinised for activities covered under the Environment Impact Assessment notification, 2006.
[Details may be attached as separate Annexure]
6. Summary of cases scrutinised for activities not covered under the Environment Impact Assessment notification, 2006.
[Details may be attached as separate Annexure]
7. Summary of complaints lodged under section 19 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
8. Any other matter of importance.

Proposal for diversion of 0.5110 ha of forest land for construction of Kurnali border Police Check Post at Kurnali in Thani District, Rurangar Reserved Forest, Cumbum West Range of Thani Forest Division, Thani


Top Search duly marked the proposed location



Legend

-  Proposed Location of Border Police Check Post at Kurnali.
-  Boundary of Kocchamal Wildlife Eco Sensitive Zone.
-  Boundary of Magermal Wildlife Eco Sensitive Zone.
-  DSE mapping of Tiger corridors available in www.nizae.gov.in.

A)  Shortest distance between the proposed location of Check Post and Boundary of Kocchamal Wildlife Division is around 85.000M.

B)  Shortest distance between the proposed location of Check Post and Boundary of Magermal Wildlife Division is around 20 M.

[Signature]
DISTRICT FOREST OFFICER
THANI DIVISION, THANI
[Signature]
 26-5-2024

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

From

To

Additional Superintendent of Police (Hqrs),
District Police office ,
Theni District, Theni.

The District Forest officer,
Theni Forest Division,
Theni.

C. No. B1/ 38062/ 2013, Dated: .11.2022.

Sir,

Subj: Police - Theni District - Formation of Permanent Police check post at Kumuly - Submission of online application for land transfer from Forest Department - report sending - Regarding.
G. O. (Ms). No. 871 Home (Pol.XIV) Dept, Dt: 09.11.2012.

- 2) Online application uploaded by the User Agency Superintendent of Police, District Police office, Theni District dt.04.10.2016.(FP/TN/Others/21594/2016)
- 3) Acknowledgement uploaded by the User agency for receiving the hard copy of the proposal by the Deputy Collector, Additional principal Conservator of Forest, Madurai Circle, Madurai and District Forest Officer, Theni Division, Theni on 29.04.2021.
- 4) The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Chennai Letter in Ref.No.TS.4/32117/2016, dated: 10.10.2022
- 5) The District forest officer,Theni letter in C.No.7126/2016/D Dt.04.11.2022.

Kind attention is invited to the references cited.

2) It is informed that, in the reference 5th cited, User agency has been requested to obtain the permission from the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India for removal of 1 no.of spontaneous growth of bamboo clump in the proposed location.

3) In this connection, an undertaking for non-removal of spontaneous growth of bamboo clump in the diversion of 0.018 ha of the forest land in suranganar RF to Police Department for the construction of Kumuly Border Police Check Post at kumuly is enclosed and send herewith (Copy enclosed). This is favour of information.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: As above.

[Signature]
Additional Superintendent of Police (Hqrs),
Theni District, Theni.

Copy to : The District Collector, Theni District.

**Construction of Police Check Post at Kumuly
(Tamilnadu State Border) in Suranganar RF in Theni
Forest Division, Theni District.**

UNDERTAKING

The Police Administration of Theni District, has given undertaking for non-removal of spontaneous growth of bamboo clump in the diversion of 0.018 ha of forest land in suranganar RF to Police Department for the construction of Kumuly border Police Check Post at kumuly.

J. S. Senthil Kumar 15/11/2022
Additional Superintendent of Police
(Headquartes)
Theni District, Theni.