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Abstract

Forest & Wildlife Department - Implementation of the Scheme of Compensatory Afforestation in lieu of tree felling for 6-laning of Vengalam junction - Ramanattukara junction (From D.CH.KM 230.400 to D.CH.KM 258.800) Section of NH-66, ie,Erstwhile NH -17 and a part of NH-47 (Kozhikode Bypass)-Administrative Sanction accorded-Orders issued.

FOREST & WILDLIFE (E) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.507/2018/F&WLD Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 07/12/2018

Read 1 G.O(Rt) No. 172/2010/FWLD dated 21.04.2010

- 2 The Memorandum of Understanding executed between the Assistant Conservator of Forests, Social Forestry Division, Kozhikode and the Project Director, NHAI, Kozhikode on 6.9.2018
- 3 Minutes of the meeting held by the District Collector, Kozhikode on 01.10.2018, 16.10.2018 & 3.11.2018.
- 4 Letter no.ISLAHIYA/OL/001/2018 dated 01.11.2018 from the President, Islahiya Association, Chennamangallur, Mukkam, Calicut-673 602
- 5 Letter no.G1-7/5/18 dated 02.11.2018 from the Principal, Muhammed Abdurahiman Memorial Orphanage College, Manassery, Mukkom P.O., Calicut -673602
- 6 Letter No.Engg/184Bn/pl/2018-5948 dated 5.11.2018 from Sri. B M Sandeep, Dy.Comdt/Adjt for Commandant 184 Bn BSF, Areekkarakunnu, Chekiad P.O., Nadapuram ,Calicut-673 509
- 7 Letter dated 7.11.2018 from Executive Officer, Sri. Kanniparambu Siva Kshethram, Kanniparamb P.O., Kozhikkode
 Letter dated 7.11.2018 from Trustee Chairman, Sree Momunda
- 8 Karuvara Temple, Padinhattummuri.p.o., Kakkodi 673 611 Letter No.SW3-58215/18 dated 14.11.2018 from the Principal Chief

⁹ Conservator of Forests (Social Forestry), Thiruvananthapuram.

ORDER

As per letter 9th read above Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Social Forestry) has informed Government that M/s National Highway Authoriy of India (NHAI) approached the Assistant Conservator of Forests, Social

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Forestry Division, Kozhikode seeking permission for felling 2354 trees for the development of Kozhikkode Bypass from Vengalam junction to Ramanattukara junction along NH66, by transforming the existing 2 lane road in to a 6 lane one. Permission for felling was granted by the Assistant Conservator of Forests (Social Forestry), Kozhikkode vide order No. E-2952/2017 dated 6.9.2018, subject to the condition that the cost of afforestation to the extent of 10 times the number of trees felled will be borne by the user agency as per the G.O read 1st above.

It is further reported therein that the District Tree Committee held on 06.08.2018 and 07.08.2018 under the Chairmanship of Corporation Mayor and District Panchayath President decided to execute MoU between ACF(Social Forestry) and Project Director (NHAI) for implementing Compensatory Afforestation @1:10 in lieu of trees cut down. Accordingly as per the reference read 2nd above, Memorandum of Understanding was executed on 6.9.2018 between the Assistant Conservator of Forests, Social Forestry Division, Kozhikode and the Project Director, National Highway Authority of India that the Compensatory Afforestation should be implemented by the Social Forestry Wing with the financial support of National Highway Authority of India. As per the minutes read 3rd above, meetings convened under the chairmanship of District Collector on 01.10.2018, 16.10.2018, 03.11.2018, the sites for Compensatory Afforestation were identified and the approximate number of seedlings proposed to be planted are as follows:

- i. Border Security of Force Campus, Areekkarakunnu, Nadapuram-6000seedlings
- ii. Wadirahma English School Campus, Kodiyathur, Mukkom-6000 seedlings
- iii. MAMO College Campus, Manassery, Mukkom-8000 seedlings
- iv. HR & CE (Kanniparambu Siva Temple & Mamundakaruvara Temple -1540seedlings
- v. Beach and Seashore under the jurisdiction of Port and Harbour Engineering
 Departments-2000seedlings

The authorities concerned also submitted their consent letters as per letters read as 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th above.

Further, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Social Forestry) Thiruvananthapuram as per his letter read as 9th above has also submitted a scheme of Compensatory Afforestation in lieu of trees felling for 6-laning of Vengalam junction-Ramanattukara junction ,Kozhikkode, for Rs. 1,60,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Sixty lakhs rupees only) covering the cost of raising nursery, planting and maintenance for 3 years . It is also proposed to take up Compensatory Afforestation with one year old big bag seedlings, and to initiate the planting activities during June 2020. The total number of seedlings will be 26000 including casualty replacement and the expected approximate extent of planting is 20 ha.

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Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to approve the scheme of Compensatory Afforestation in lieu of trees felling for 6-laning of Vengalam junction - Ramanattukara junction ,Kozhikkode, proposed by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Social Forestry), Thiruvananthapuram as per his letter read 9th above, along with the financial requirement which comes to the tune of Rs.160lakhs, subject to the condition that the funds required for the completion of the Compensatory Afforestation scheme will be made available by the National Highway Authority of India. The amount shall be received in the STSB Account No.716011400000203 in the District Treasury, Kozhikkode.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests(Social Forestry), Thiruvananthaqpuram shall ensure that there is no liability for the Kerala Forest Department or Government at any stage.

Administrative Sanction is also accorded for the implementation of the aforesaid scheme.

(By order of the Governor)
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DEPUTY SECRETARY

To:

- 1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Forces), Forest HQ Thiruvananthapuram.
- 2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Social Forestry), Forest HQ Thiruvananthapuram.
- 3. The District Collector, Kozhikkode
- 4. The Project Director, National Highway Authority of India, Kozhikkode
- 5.The Assistant Conservator of Forests, Social Forestry Division, Vanasree, Mathottam, Arakinar P.O., Kozhikkode-28
- 6.Commandant, Border Security Force, 184 Bn, Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, Areekkarakunnu, Chekiad P.O., Nadapuram, Calicut-673 509
- 7. President, Islahiya Association, Chennamangallur, Mukkam, Calicut-673 602
- 8. Principal, Muhammed Abdurahiman Memorial Orphanage College, Mukkom P.O., Manassery, Calicut -673 602
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- 10.Trustee Chairman, Sree Momunda Karuvara Temple, Padinhattummuri.p.o., Kakkodi 673 611
- 11. The Principal Accountant General, Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
- 12. The Accountant General, A&E, Kerala, Thiruvanantha puram.
- 13. The Public Works Department.

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