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Abstract

Forest & Wildlife Department –Implementation of the Scheme for Compensatory afforestation in lieu of tree felling for Vizhinjam International Sea Port Project by M/s Adani Vizhinjam Port Private Ltd- Administrative Sanction accorded -Orders issued.

FOREST & WILDLIFE (E) DEPARTMENT

G.O(Rt)No.183/2018/F&WLD

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram 21.4.2018

- Read:-1. Minutes of the meeting held by the Hon'ble Minister for Ports on 5.4.2017
2. Letter No. 1009/SST/Q/2018 dated 16.2.2018 from the Principal, Sainik School, Kazhakootam, Tvpm
3. Letter No. AVPPL/SFD/2017-18/370 dated 20.3.2018 from Sri. Rajesh Jha, Chief Executive Officer, M/s Adani Vizhinjam Port Private Ltd, 2nd floor, Vipanchika Tower, Thycaud, Tvpm-695014 addressed to ACF(SF), Tvpm
4. Letter No. SW3-18396/17 dated 23.03.2018 from the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Social Forestry), Thiruvananthapuram

ORDER

In the meeting convened by Hon'ble Minister for Ports on 5.4.2017 to discuss issues relating to the felling of trees in the acquired land for truck terminal area of the Port site, it was *inter alia* decided that Forest Department shall identify land for compensatory afforestation of 10 times the number of trees felled and M/s Adani Vizhinjam Port Private Ltd (AVPPL) the concessionaire for Vizhinjam International Seaport Ltd (VISL) will make available the required funds at the disposal of Kerala Forest Department.

Accordingly Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Social Forestry), Thiruvananthapuram as per his letter 4th read above, has submitted a scheme for Compensatory afforestation in 12 Ha. of land, identified in the Sainik School Campus, Kazhakkootam in lieu of the felling of 1127 trees for Vizhinjam International Sea Port Project by M/s Adani Vizhinjam Port Private Ltd . The PCCF(SF) has also reported that the financial requirements for Phase -II of Compensatory afforestation at Sainik School, Kazhakoottam (2017-18 to 2020-21) is Rs.80,50,000/- (Rupees Eighty lakhs ~~Fifty thousand only~~). All the expenditure for the compensatory afforestation will be borne by the user agency, M/s Adani Vizhinjam Port Private Ltd who have given their written commitment as per letter 3rd read above.

Government after examining the matter in detail are pleased to approve the scheme of Compensatory Afforestation along with the financial requirement which comes to the tune of Rs.80,50,000(Rupees Eighty lakhs Fifty thousand only) subject to the condition that the funds for the completion for the scheme will be released by M/s Adani Vizhinjam Port Private Ltd(Registered office:-Adani House, Nr Mithakhali Circle, Navrangpura,Ahmedabad 380009, Gujarat). The amount shall be received in STSBA/cNo.799011400002632 with the District Treasury, Thiruvananthapuram. Also the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Social Forestry) Thiruvananthapuram 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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