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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Forest & Wild life Department -Raising nursery for Compensatory Afforestation by M/s National Thermal Power Corporation - Action of Assistant Conservator of Forest (Social Forestry),Ernakulam in permitting M/s NTPC to remit the amount - Ratified- Orders issued

FOREST & WILDLIFE (E) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.7/2019/F&WLD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 05/01/2019

- Read 1 G.O (Rt) No. 172/2010/FWLD dated 21.04.2010.
- 2 Minutes of the meeting held at Forest Guest House, Ernakulam, on 16.08.2018 chaired by Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Social Forestry).
- 3 Letter No. SW2-36990/18 dated 06.10.2018 from the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Social Forestry), Forest Head Quarters,Thiruvananthapuram.

ORDER

As per the letter 3rd read above Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Social Forestry) reported that the officials of M/s National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) had approached the Assistant Conservator of Forests , Social Forestry, Alappuzha on 17.7.2017 seeking permission to cut and remove 1244 trees from the project premises of Rajiv Gandhi Combined Cycle Power Project (RGCCP) to install solar panels in vacant lands reserved for expansion. Additionally permission was sought for felling 387 trees standing dangerous to life and civil/electrical structure in the township(permanent and temporary). Altogether M/s NTPC has sought permission to fell 1631 trees. As per G.O read 1st above M/s NTPC should plant and protect compensatory plants @1:10 in lieu of trees felled. (ie.16310 plants).

Further it is reported therein that the land where the trees are to be cut and removed is situated on the western side of NH-64, near Kareelakulangara Police Station, Nangiarkulangara. Since the land for compensatory afforestation was not available in Alappuzha district Assistant Conservator of Forests (Social Forestry), Ernakulam identified approximately 12.0 ha of land in five educational institutions

in Ernakulam district and the Custodians of land had conveyed their expression of interest. In the meeting held at Forest Guest House, Ernakulam on 16.8.2018 to proceed further in the matter, officials of M/s NTPC informed that the tender for the works has been floated, but a final decision regarding felling and compensatory afforestation thereafter can be taken only on the basis of the outcome of the tender. M/s NTPC was informed that if felling takes place this financial year planting has to be taken up by June 2019. For this nursery has to be taken up at the earliest, failing which planting in the next season cannot be taken up and may be possible in June 2020 only. After detailed discussion, it was unanimously decided that necessary work for raising 20000 big bag seedlings will be commenced at the earliest so as to take up planting in June 2019 in the solemn anticipation that tender may be awarded during Sept.-Oct.2018. M/s NTPC agreed that in the event of any unforeseen situation wherein tender is not awarded, the cost incurred for raising nursery may be factored under any other appropriate scheme and that in the event of the planting stock raised not being utilized for NTPC, the same may be utilized by KFD either for afforestation or raising avenue plantations so that the expenditure incurred will be justified and treated as infructuous. It was also decided that a calculated risk of this order has to be taken in view of the seasonal nature of forestry works. Cost of formation and maintenance of compensatory planting will be remitted by M/s NTPC based on the outcome of the tender floated. The estimate towards the cost of raising and maintenance of 20,000 big bag seedlings had been sanctioned by Conservator of Forests(Social Forestry), Central Region, Ernakulam and tender has been notified on 14.10.2018.

Consistent with the facts narrated and in tune with the earlier practices and also the remitter being a Central Public Sector Unit, Assistant Conservator of Forests(Social Forestry),Ernakulam conveyed details of Savings Bank account held by him and M/s NTPC remitted Rs. 30lakhs on 4.10.2018 in the SB account held by the Assistant Conservator of Forest(Social Forestry),Ernakulam towards the cost of raising 20000 big bag seedlings of misc. species. Hence the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Social Forestry) as per his letter 3rd read above has recommended to ratify the above action of Assistant Conservator of Forest(Social Forestry) Ernakulam.

Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to ratify the action of Assistant Conservator of Forest (Social Forestry),Ernakulam in having permitted M/s National Thermal Power Corporation authorities to remit Rs.30lakhs in the SB account held by the Assistant Conservator of Forest(Social Forestry),Ernakulam as recommended by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest(Social Forestry), Thiruvananthapuram.

File No.FWLD-E 3/224/2018-FWLD

(By order of the Governor)
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DEPUTY SECRETARY

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The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force ,Tvp

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests(Social Forestry),Tvp

The Assistant Conservator of Forest(Social Forestry),Ernakulam

The Assistant Conservator of Forest(Social Forestry),Alappuzha

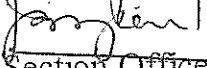
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Forest & Wildlife Department- G.O (Rt)No. 7/2019/FWLD dated 05.01.2019-
Erratum -Orders issued

FOREST & WILDLIFE (E) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.12/2019/F&WLD . Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 07/01/2019

Read:- G.O(Rt) No.7/2019/FWLD dated 05.01.2019

ORDER

In the Government Order read above the following sentence in the 2nd para "M/s.NTPC agreed that in the event of any unforeseen situation wherein tender is not awarded, the cost incurred for raising nursery may be factored under any other appropriate scheme and that in the event of the planting stock raised not being utilized for NTPC, the same may be utilized by KFD either for afforestation or raising avenue plantations so that the expenditure incurred will be justified and **treated as infructuous**" is corrected and read as "M/s.NTPC agreed that in the event of any unforeseen situation wherein tender is not awarded, the cost incurred for raising nursery may be factored under any other appropriate scheme and that in the event of the planting stock raised not being utilized for NTPC, the same may be utilized by KFD either for afforestation or raising avenue plantations so that the expenditure incurred will be justified and **not treated as infructuous**".

The Government Order read above stands modified to that extent only.

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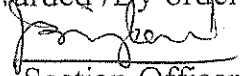
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