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**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA**

**Abstract**

Forest and Wildlife Department – KIIFB Project FOR001-00 - "Fencing Along Forest Boundary under the Special Investment Plan" Phase II - Revised Administrative Sanction accorded – Orders issued.

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**FOREST & WILDLIFE (D) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.(Ms)No.2/2020/F&WLD** Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 23/01/2020

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- Read:-
- 1) G.O.(MS) No.35/2016/F&WLD dated, 21/10/2016.
  - 2) G.O.(MS) No.40/2018/F&WLD dated, 13/09/2018.
  - 3) G.O.(MS) No.46/2018/F&WLD dated, 12/11/2018.
  - 4) G.O.(Rt) No.483/2019/F&WLD dated, 14/11/2019.
  - 5) G.O.(Ms) No.3/2020/F&WLD dated, 23/01/2020.
  - 6) Letter No.E&TW1-54448/2016. Dated, 28/12/2019 from Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Thiruvananthapuram.

**ORDER**

A detailed Project Report (DPR) was submitted by Forest Department for funding which was approved by KIIFB in 2016 as project "Fencing along Forest Boundary" for Rs.100 crore components. As per Government Order read 1st and 2nd papers above, Administrative Sanction was accorded for the project "Fencing Along Forest Boundary – Phase-I" for an amount of Rs.2506.80 lakh with KIIFB financial assistance.

2. As per Government Order read 3<sup>rd</sup> paper above, Administrative Sanction was issued for the phase-II of the project, wherein two major initiatives to address Human-Animal Conflict 'Crash Guard Steel Rope Fencing' and Voluntary relocation of eligible willing families from inside forest' were identified and incorporated, by deleting certain items in the original DPR like steel fence, stone pitched trench totally and rail fence partially. A summary of

works proposed under the Phase II project was as follows:-

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Length	No. of beneficiary families (Nos)	Amount required (Rs.in lakh)
1	Solar fence	136.70	---	246.06
2	Crash guard steel rope fence	42	---	2100.00
3.	Relocation of families	---	497	4970.00
4.	Elephant proof wall	0.30	---	45.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>7361.06</b>

3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force as per the letter read 6<sup>th</sup> paper above, it is reported that the relocation component of this project is the most relevant and effective one in containing the issues resulting from human-animal interface. There are many settlements willing to be relocated, but constraint of funds negate the process. The Department discussed this issue with CEO, KIIFB and it was agreed that the additional expenditure can be incurred for relocation with the only restriction that the expenditure as per the revised DPR shall not exceed the project sanction by ten percent. Accordingly, the package for voluntary relocation of eligible willing families is proposed in the four Forest Divisions viz; Kannur, South Wayanad, Mannarkkad and Thiruvananthapuram. This is an adapted model of the voluntary relocation package approved by the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) for voluntary relocation from villages in the notified core/ critical tiger habitation with modifications to suit the field conditions of Kerala.

However, the payment of the entire package to the eligible willing family will be the option without any compensatory land for rehabilitation/ relocation by the Forest Department. The compensation package under this model will be Rs.15.00 lakh per eligible willing family, which is the same package approved for the voluntary relocation of willing eligible families in Rebuild Kerala Initiative (RKI) as per the Government Order read 4<sup>th</sup> paper above.

In view of all the above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force as per letter read 6<sup>th</sup> paper above, has also requested Government to issue revised Administrative Sanction for the Phase-II of KIIFB Project "Fencing along Forest Boundary" as follows.

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Length	No. of beneficiary families (Nos)	Amount required (Rs.in lakh)
1.	Solar fence	136.70	---	246.06
2.	Crash guard steel rope fence	48.00	---	2400.00
3.	Relocation of families	---	438	6570.00
4.	Elephant proof wall	0.30	---	45.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>185.00</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>9261.06</b>

4. Government have examined the matter in detail, the Administrative Sanction for Phase-II was issued for Rs.7361.06 lakhs as per G.O read as 3<sup>rd</sup> paper above. The above proposal is to revise this project to Rs.9261.06 lakh. No new item is proposed in the revised Administrative Sanction. The additional expenditure as per the revised Administrative Sanction is Rs.1900.00 lakh i.e., Rs.300.00 lakh for Crash Guard Rope Fencing and Rs. 1600.00 lakh for relocation. However, this implies an escalation of Rs.1000.00 lakh only as there is a saving of Rs.900.00 lakh from rail fencing as per G.O read as 5<sup>th</sup> paper above and this is already agreed by the Chief Executive Officer, KIIFB as it is within 10% of the original project cost.

In the above Circumstances, Government are pleased to issue Revised Administrative Sanction for the project Fencing along Forest Boundary Phase-II for an amount of Rs.9261.06 lakhs by including Crash Guard Rope Fencing for 48 KM at total cost of Rs.2400.00 lakhs and voluntary relocation of eligible willing 438 families at a cost of Rs.6570.00 lakhs as per the adapted NTCA model as proposed above with KIIFB assistance.

The Government Order read as 3<sup>rd</sup> paper above stands revised to this extent only.

(By order of the Governor)

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