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**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA**

**Abstract**

Forest & Wildlife Department-Diversion of 0.64148 ha of forest land in Kasaragode Forest Division for the construction of Hill Highway Cherupuzha to Kolichal under Section 2 of the Forest Conservation Act,1980- Sanction accorded- Orders issued

**FOREST & WILDLIFE (C)DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.(Rt)No.56/2021/F&WLD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 20/02/2021**

Read Letter No. FC1-698/2021 dated 11/02/2021 from the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Forest Management) & Nodal Officer

**ORDER**

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Forest Management) & Nodal Officer, as per letter read above, has recommended and forwarded the proposal in Form A under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act,1980, for diversion of 0.64148 ha of forest land in Kasaragode Forest Division for the construction of Hill Highway Cherupuzha to Kolichal road.The Executive Engineer, PWD Roads Division, Kasaragode is the user agency. The proposal is for construction of Cherupuzha-Kolichal reach of hill highway providing traffic infrastructure with better level of riding quality along the Hilly area thus to make easy connectivity between hill districts in Kerala. Project consist new formation of roadway, reconstruction of carriage way, providing sufficient drainage facilities.

As per the inspection report, Divisional Forest Officer, Kasaragode has informed that, the total length of road is 2780 meter in three reaches. Total No. of 31 trees are to be removed for this project and 5 No of Jundas (Cairns) will be damaged in the road widening. No rare endangered or threatened taxa of fauna and flora are affected due to the project. The Chief Conservator of Forests (Northern Circle) Kannur has reported that the area required for Hill Highway is classified into 3 reaches/bits. There is an existing road of uneven width in the area and the current proposal is for widening it. The project is beneficial to the public at large and is not expected to cause any large scale ecological and environmental disturbance of forest ecosystem. No rare/

endangered/ unique species, of flora and fauna are found in the area. The proposed area doesn't contain any monument of historical, religious, archeological or defense establishment. The proposed area does not form part of any Protected Area. The requirement of forest land proposed by the User Agency is unavoidable and bare minimum.

Government have examined the proposal in detail and are pleased to accord sanction for diversion of 0.64148 ha of forest land in Kasaragode Forest Division for the construction of Hill Highway Cherupuzha to Kolichal under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, subject to the following conditions.

1. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
3. The cost of raising plantation of ten times the number of trees to be felled shall be realized from User Agency. The location of the area identified for raising the plantation shall be furnished for considering Stage-II clearance.
4. Retaining walls or adequate engineering measures will be taken in the slope area with rocky outcrops to prevent landslides.
5. The cost of felling, conservation and transport of trees will be borne by the User Agency.
6. Adequate protection measures will be taken by the User Agency to avoid any danger to the Maruthom tribal colony in the downhill side.
7. The User Agency shall construct the boundary pillars/cairns that will be damaged during the road widening works and place them at points fixed by the Forest Department at their cost.
8. The User Agency shall make online payment of cost of Compensatory Afforestation and Net Present Value with ad-hoc CAMPA through epayment module of forest clearance portal. (forestclearance . nic.in ).
9. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land of 0.64148 ha from the User Agency as per the orders of the Honble Supreme Court of India dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos 826 in 566 with related IA's in WP(C)202/ 1995.

10. Additional amount of Net Present Value of the diverted forest land if any becoming due after revision of the same by the Honble Supreme Court of India in future shall be charged by State Government by the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.

11. All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).

12. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.

13. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.

14. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.

15. The forest area shall be used only for the purpose for which it is granted. The total forest area utilized for this project shall not exceed 0.64148 ha.

16. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India.

17. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).

18. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife

19. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change Guideline F. No: 11- 42/2017-FC dated 29/01/2018.

(By order of the Governor)  
**RAJESH KUMAR SINHA**  
**PRINCIPAL SECRETARY**

To:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest & Head of Forest Force, Forest Head Quarters, Thiruvananthapuram

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Forest Management) & Nodal Officer, Forest Head Quarters, Thiruvananthapuram

The Chief Conservator of Forest ( Northern Circle ) Kannur

The Divisional Forest Officer, Kasaragode

The Executive Engineer, PWD Roads Division, Kasaragode

The Principal Accountant General (A&E)/ Audit, Thiruvananthapuram.

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