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Abstract

Forest & Wild Life Department - Diversion of 0.758 ha of forest land for laying of 12" dia cross-country LPG pipeline from Kochi refinery to Palakkad(Kanjikode) connecting Udayamperoor to IOC Plant in favour of Kochi Salem Pipeline Pvt. Ltd. (KSPPL). - Sanction accorded - Orders issued.

FOREST & WILD LIFE(C) DEPARTMENT

GO(Rt) No. 395 /2018/F&WLD

Thiruvananthapuram, Dated:01.09.2018

Read:1. Letter No.FC1-51012/2015 dated 09.12.2015 from the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Special Afforestation) & Nodal Officer, Forest Head Quaters, Thiruvananthapuram.

2 Letter No. F.No.4-KLB 1086/2016-BAN/61 dated 18.04.2016 from the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Regional Office, Government of India.

3.Letter No.F.No. 6-69/2017 WL dated 02.06.2017 from the Ministry of Environment,forests & Climate Change(Wildlife Division),Government of India.

4.Letter No. F.No.4-KLB 1086/2016-BAN/1259 dated 01.01.2108 from the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,Regional Office,Government of India.

5.Letter No.FC1 51012/2015 dated 10.11.2017 and 28.02.2018 from the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests(Forest, Land & Resources) & Nodal Officer, F© Act & CAMPA, Forest Head Quarters, Thiruvananthapuram.

6.State Government letter No. C3/40/2016/F&WLD dated 17.05.2018 addressed to the Ministry of Environment & Forests,Regional Office,Government of India.

7. Letter No. F.No.4-KLB 1086/2016-BAN/390 dated 15.06.2018 from the Ministry of Environment,Forests & Climate Change, Regional Office,Government of India.

ORDER

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Special Afforestation) & Nodal Officer as per the letter 1st read above has forwarded the proposal under Section 2 of the Forest(Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.758 ha of forest land for Kochi -Salem pipeline. The proposed land falls in Vaniyampara Station of Pattikkad Range in Thrissur Division , Vellani Station of Peechi Vazhani Wildlife

Sanctuary and Vadakkanchery section of Alathur Range of Nemmara Forest Division. The area required for the diversion of forest land in Vaniyampara Station of Pattikkad Range in Thrissur Division is 0.1446 ha, in Vellani Station of Peechi Vazhani Wildlife Sanctuary is 0.4754 ha and Vadakkanchery section of Alathur Range of Nemmara Division is 0.138 ha. The length of pipeline passing through Thrissur Division with a length of 241 M, through Peechi Vazhani Sanctuary with a length of 792.6 M and through Nemmara Division with a length of 230 M. KSPPL is the user agency. The proposed project area has already been diverted for the use of M/s Petronet CCK (Cochin-Coimbatore Kannur Ltd), a joint venture between BPCL and Petronet India Ltd. M/s Petronet has provided their consent for the new project.

2. As per the letter 2nd read above, the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change has conveyed in-principle approval (Stage-I) under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for re-diversion/use of diverted forest land of 0.2826ha (0.1446 ha in Thrissur Forest Division & 0.138 ha in Nemmara Forest Division) of forest land with a validity of 5 years subject to certain conditions. Also per the letter 4th read above, the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change has conveyed in-principle approval (Stage I) under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for rediversion/use of diverted forest land of 0.4750 ha of forest land falling in Peechi-Vazhani Wildlife Sanctuary with a validity of 5 years subject to the fulfilment of certain conditions.

3. As per the Government letter 6th read above, consolidated compliance report on the conditions while granting Stage I approval furnished by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (F,L&R), as per the letter read 5th paper above, has been forwarded to the Government of India.

4. As per the letter 7th read above, the Central Government has conveyed its approval (Stage II) under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 for rediversion of 0.758 ha of forest land (ie; 0.2826 ha falls in Thrissur and Nemmara Forest Division and 0.4754 ha falls in Peechi – Vazhani Wildlife Sanctuary) for laying of 12” dia cross country LPG pipeline from Kochi refinery to palakkad (Kanjikode) connecting Udhayamperoor to IOC plant in favour of Kochi Salem Pipeline Pvt. Ltd(KSPPL) for a period of 20 years subject to the following conditions:-

1. *The legal status of forest shall remain unchanged.*
2. *The demarcation of the forest area being diverted shall be carried out by erecting cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of User Agency.*
3. *Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the user agency. The user agency shall furnish an undertaking to the effect.*
4. *The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.758 ha.*
5. *Conditions stipulated in the Ministry's letter No. 6-69/2017-WL dated 02/06/2017 shall be strictly complied with.*
6. *Any other condition that the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bangalore may impose from time to time for protection.*

improvement of flora and fauna in the forest area and public convenience , shall also be applicable.

7. Violation of any of the conditions shall invite penal action, as deemed fit by the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bangalore.

8. The above approval will be subject to the existing directives of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

5. In the above circumstances and subject to the conditions as mentioned above. Government are pleased to accord sanction to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests(F,L & R) & NO for the diversion of 0.758 ha of forest land (i.e. 0.2826 ha in Thrissur and Nenmara Forest Division, and 0.4754 ha falls in Peechi-Vazhani Wildlife Sanctuary) for laying of 12" dia cross – country LPG pipeline from Kochi refinery to Palakkad (Kanjikode) connecting Udayamperoor to IOC Plant in favour of Kochi Salem Pipeline Pvt. Ltd. (KSPPL), for a period of 20 years.

(By Order of the Governor)

Dr. VENU V.

PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

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The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force
Thiruvananthapuram.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (F,L&R) &NO,
Thiruvananthapuram.

The Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) ,Palakkad.

The Chief Conservator of Forests (Eastern Circle) ,Palakkad.

The Chief Conservator of Forests(Central Circle),Thrissur.

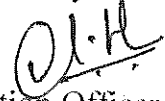
The Project Manager, Kochi Salem Pipeline Private Ltd.,Kochi.

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

The I&PR(web and new media) Department.

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