



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Forest & Wildlife Department - Proposal for diversion of 0.444 ha. of forest land for construction of rain water harvesting structure like Transformer control room, Approach Roads, Operators cabin & Water treatment plant under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) - WSS to Konnathady, Udumbanchola, and Rajakkad, Bisonvally, Rajakumary (part), Senapathy (part) Panchayath in Mukkudam forest station of Adimaly Rang, Idukki District Kerala, under section 2(1) of Van (Sankashan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam 1980 in favour of M/s Kerala Water Authority, Project Division Kattapana, Kattapana - Stage II issued - Sanction Accorded - reg.

FOREST & WILDLIFE (C) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.329/2024/F&WLD Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 26-07-2024

Read 1 Lr No. FP/KL/WATER/444939/2023 dated 15.07.2024
from Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,
Regional Office, Bangalore.

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The online proposal No. FP/KL/RainHarvest/444939/2023 seeking prior approval under section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 was accorded in-principle (Stage-I) approval by Central Government on 13.02.2024. Subsequently, the State Government has reported compliance to the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, Central Government vide letter read above conveyed final approval (Stage-II) under Section '2(1)' of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 0.444 ha. of forest land for construction of rain water harvesting structure like Transformer control room, Approach Roads, Operators cabin & Water treatment plant under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) - WSS to Konnathady, Udumbanchola, and Rajakkad, Bisonvally, Rajakumary (part), Senapathy (part) Panchayath in Mukkudam forest station of Adimaly Rang, Idukki District Kerala,

under section 2(1) of Van (Sankashan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam 1980 in favour of M/s Kerala Water Authority, Project Division Kattapana, Kattapana, subject to the following conditions:-

Sl.No	Conditions
1	"Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged"
2	"The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required"
3	"No labour camp shall be established on the forest land"
4	"The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal"
5	"The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government"
6	"The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government"
7	"No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused"
8	"Any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department."
9	"The State Government shall monitor compliance of conditions of Forest Clearance and shall submit in this regard yearly report as on 31st December of every year"
10	"Any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry may stipulate, from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife"
11	"The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project"
12	"The 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 User Agency and the same shall be transferred to the designated CAMPA Account."
13	"The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less."
14	"The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.444 ha."
	The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take

15	necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forest in the surrounding area.
16	"Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed under the Act, Rules and Guidelines relevant."
17	"Compensatory Afforestation shall be carried out on land identified by the State Forest Department within 2 years from grant of final approval at the cost of user agency. Planting will be carried out in one block for easy maintenance and monitoring."
18	"The State Govt. shall ensure that the complete compliance of FRA 2006 as per the rule 11 (7) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules 2023."
19	"The KML file of the forest area diverted and CA area (location identified for plantation) shall be uploaded on the e-green watch portal with all requisite details."
20	"The State Govt. shall ensure that the boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost as per the directions of concerned Divisional Forest Officer."

In the circumstances, sanction is accorded for diversion of 0.444 ha. of forest land for construction of rain water harvesting structure like Transformer control room, Approach Roads, Operators cabin & Water treatment plant under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) - WSS to Konnathady, Udumbanchola, and Rajakkad, Bisonvally, Rajakumary (part), Senapathy (part) Panchayath in Mukkudam forest station of Adimaly Rang, Idukki District Kerala, under section 2(1) of Van (Sankashan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam,1980 in favour of M/s Kerala Water Authority, Project Division Kattapana, Kattapana, subject to above conditions.

(By order of the Governor)
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SECRETARY

To:

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3. The User Agency.

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Section Officer

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