



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Forest & Wildlife Department - Diversion of 0.07 ha of forest land under Section 2 Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the construction of 10 LL Over Head Service Reservoir (OHSR) to Pampa and Sabarimala-Sanction Accorded-Orders Issued

FOREST & WILDLIFE (C) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.352/2021/F&WLD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram,
06/11/2021

Read Letter no. FC2-1656/2021 dated 07.10.2021 from the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Nodal Officer.

ORDER

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Nodal Officer, as per letter read above has recommended and forwarded the proposal in Form A under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.07 ha of forest land in Ranni Forest Division for the construction of 10 LL OHSR at pampa. Assistant Executive Engineer, Kerala Water Authority, Ranni is the User Agency.

2. It envisages the construction of 10 LL storage capacity Overhead Service Reservoir having total 27 Mtrs height at Pampa for providing drinking water to pilgrims visiting Sabarimala temple in Pathanamthitta District.

3. As per the inspection report of Divisional Forest Officer, Ranni and the Chief Conservator of Forests (Southern Circle) Kollam, 0.07 ha of forest land required by the User Agency is part of notified Konni reserve. No rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna are found in the area. No protected, archaeological/ heritage site/ defense establishment or any other

important monument is located in the proposed site. There are no trees in the proposed site. So, neither felling of trees nor associated damage is foreseen. The site at present has heaps of sand debris which is removed from Pampa River by the District Disaster Management Authority and the surrounding area is semi evergreen forest. The requirement of forest land for present use by the User Agency is reported as unavoidable and the barest minimum and no alternate options are available. The Proposal is uploaded in Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change website PARIVESH vide proposal no. FP/KL/WATER/126847/2021 and all due procedures have been completed.

4. Government have examined the proposal in detail and are pleased to accord sanction for diversion of 0.07 ha of forest land under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in Ranni Forest Division for the construction of 10 LL OHSR at pampa 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 User Agency shall make online payment of cost of Compensatory Afforestation, Net Present Value through e-payment module of forest clearance portal.(forestclearance.nic in)
4. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land of 0.07 ha from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble 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.
5. Additional amount of Net Present Value 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 State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
6. 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/>).
7. Necessary certificates/ documents under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change vide letter No. 11-9/1998-FC(pt) dated 05.07.2013 shall be furnished before Stage-II clearance.
8. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior

approval of Central Government.

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

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

11.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 0.07 ha.

12.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.

13.The User Agency shall sign an agreement with Forest Department before transfer of the land to the User Agency.

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

15.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.

16.The User Agency shall apply for renewal after 25 years.

17.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 Forests & Head of Forest Force, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer,F(C) Act, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Chief Conservator of Forests (Southern Circle) Kollam.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Ranni.

The Assistant Executive Engineer, Kerala Water Authority, Ranni.

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

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Signed by Chithra G S

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