



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Forest & Wildlife Department -Diversion of 0.0672 ha of forest land under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the purpose of constructing 560 m Over Head Electric Line for providing service connection to two BPL House holds at Ponmudi - Sanction Accorded- Orders Issued

FOREST & WILDLIFE (C) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.297/2021/F&WLD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram,
22/09/2021

Read Letter no. FC2-1522/2021 dated 09.08.2021 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 0.0672 ha of forest land for the purpose of constructing 560 m Over Head Electric Line for providing service connection to two BPL House holds at Ponmudi. The Assistant Engineer, Electrical Section, Vithura is the user agency.

2. The Divisional Forest Officer, Thiruvananthapuram and the Chief Conservator of Forest (Southern Circle) Kollam have recommended the project for approval. As per the site inspection report of Divisional Forest Officer, Thiruvananthapuram, the electric connection is required for two BPL households in 'layam' of Ponmudi tea factory where the attempt to provide power through solar battery had failed due to bad weather condition. The line passes through road for a distance of 460m and foot path for distance 100 in in EFL area. Neither tree felling nor branch cutting is required for the project. The proposed area doesn't contain any monument of historical, religious, archeological or defense

establishment. The proposal is uploaded in Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change website PARIVESH vide proposal No. FP/KL/VELEC/51441/2020.

3. Government have examined the proposal in detail and are pleased to accord sanction for diversion of 0.0672 ha of forest land under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the purpose of constructing 560 m Over Head Electric Line for providing service connection to two BPL House holds at Ponmudi 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. *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.*
4. *The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Government.*
5. *No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.*
6. *No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.*
7. *The forest area shall be used only for the purpose for which it is granted. The total forest area to be utilized for this project shall not exceed 0.0672 ha.*
8. *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 Government and in keeping with the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.*
9. *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.*
10. *The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).*
11. *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.*

12. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the provisions therein.

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

14. The User Agency has to sign an agreement with Divisional Forest Officer, Thiruvananthapuram incorporating all the conditions imposed by Government of India/Government of Kerala in this regard.

(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 Forest (Southern Circle), Kollam

The Divisional Forest Officer, Thiruvananthapuram

The Assistant Engineer, Electrical Section, Vithura

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

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