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To

The Principal Secretary,
Government of Kerala,
Forests & Wildlife (C) Department,
Secretariat, Thiruvananthapuram,
Kerala, PIN – 695 001.

Subject: Diversion of 0.244 ha. (0.098 ha. from Peechi Wildlife Sanctuary & 0.146 ha. from Thrissur Forest Division) of forest land for laying of a ± 320 KV HVDC underground Power Cable from Vadakkancherry to Thrissur in Kerala in the utility corridor of NH 544 (in a concrete duct bank of 2M width) in favour of M/s. Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No. C3/22/2018/F&WLD dated 02/04/2018 and PCCF (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden's letter No. WL4-40979/2017 dated 19/09/2018 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section '2' of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The in-principle (Stage-I) approval to the project was accorded by the Central Government vide letter of even number dated 9th October, 2018. The State Government vide letter No. C3/22/2018/F&WLD dated 22/06/2019 and PCCF's letter No. FC2-27056/2017 dated 04/09/2019 have reported compliance to the conditions stipulated by the Central Government in the in-principle approval.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am directed to convey Central Government's approval (**Stage-II**) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.244 ha. (0.098 ha. from Peechi Wildlife Sanctuary & 0.146 ha. from Thrissur Forest Division) of forest land for laying of a ± 320 KV HVDC underground Power Cable from Vadakkancherry to Thrissur in Kerala in the utility corridor of NH 544 (in a concrete duct bank of 2M width) in favour of M/s. Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd, subject to the following conditions:-

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The boundary of the forest land to be diverted shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost as per the directions of concerned Divisional Forest Officer, keeping in view the movement of wildlife.
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 this effect.

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4. The wildlife mitigation measures as approved by the Chief Wildlife Warden must be strictly implemented.
5. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
6. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.244 ha. The Forest land shall be used only for the purpose for which it is diverted.
7. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Government of India.
8. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forest and Wildlife.
9. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF&CC Guideline F.No.11-42/2017-FC dated 29/01/2018.
10. The State Government and user agency shall comply the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, NGT order & Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.

Yours faithfully,

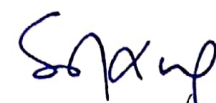
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Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Deptt, Government of Kerala, 'Vanalakshmi', 1st Floor, Forest Headquarters, Vazhuthacaud, Thiruvananthapuram-695 014, Kerala.
3. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Special Afforestation) & Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Government of Kerala, 'Vanalakshmi', 1st Floor, Forest Headquarters, Vazhuthacaud, Thiruvananthapuram, PIN- 695 014, Kerala.
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