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To

The Secretary to Government of Kerala,
Forests & Wildlife Department
Secretariat,
Thiruvananthapuram.

Subject : Approval of working plan of Vazhachal Forest Division - reg.

Reference: CCF (Planning), Kerala letter No.Plg 1 9728/2003 dtd. 09.10.2003

Sir,

Kindly refer to the subject and reference cited above. I am directed to inform you that the revised draft working plan of Vazhachal Forest Division for the period 2002-2003 to 2011-2012 received from CCF (P), Kerala vide letter referred to above has been examined with reference to the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and National Forest Policy, 1988. After careful consideration, I am to convey the Central Government's approval to the working plan of Vazhachal Forest Division for the period 2003-2004 to 2012-2013 under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 subject to the following conditions :

- (i) The felling of trees in areas having slope more than 30 degree and along the bank of river/streams shall not be undertaken
- (ii) The construction of new roads in forest area shall not be taken up for the purpose of extraction of timber etc.
- (iii) The fire protection measures shall be taken up annually and adequate funds for the purpose shall be made available by State Government.
- (iv) It may be ensured that no non-forestry activity is permitted/taken up in forest area in violation of the provision of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980
- (v) In case the regeneration works in the areas worked in a year are not taken up in the subsequent year, then felling of trees in forest area shall not be undertaken unless facts are appraised to Central Government and concurrence is obtained for taking up felling operations as per the working plan prescriptions.

(vi) The established growth of important miscellaneous species shall be retained in Teak plantations due for final felling on completion of rotation period. The mature teak plantations felled in a year shall invariably be regenerated next year.

(vii) The detailed report indicating area harvested and the area regenerated in a year shall be sent to this office by 30th of April every year.

(viii) The standing instructions issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court from time to time in W.P.no.202/95 as well as similar writ petitions shall meticulously be followed.

(ix) The schedule of works proposed shall be revised for the plan period 2003-2004 to 2012-2013.

It may please be ensured that provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and guidelines issued there under are strictly followed while implementing working plan prescriptions. The Central Government reserves the right to review, modify or withdraw this approval if any of the conditions of approval are not implemented or amendment to plan is necessitated keeping in view the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, guidelines issued there under or general instructions issued by Central Government for scientific management of forests. The working plan will be due for revision in the year 2013-2014 and timely steps may please be initiated for revision of working plan. The modified copy of the working plan incorporating conditions no (ix) above may be furnished to this office at the earliest.

Yours faithfully,



(K.S.P.V.Pavan Kumar)
Deputy Conservator of Forests (Central)

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