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Annexure-II

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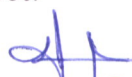
Specific recommendation of the Conservator of Forests

The area proposed to be used for developing the Elephant Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre is part of the Agasthyamalai Biosphere Reserve. The establishment of the Elephant Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre will certainly give a boost to the education, involvement of local people and managing human-wildlife conflict. The Centre will also provide employment to about 100 tribal youths.

Rare and endangered species of flora and fauna will not be affected by the implementation of this project.

The occurrences of human wildlife conflict are on a rise in Kerala. Some of the very problematic elephants need to be secured and kept in controlled conditions in order to prevent further loss of human life and property. The orphaned and abandoned elephant calves also require proper shelter and care. This centre has been designed to provide the elephants with a semi wild habitat for maintaining their natural activities as in the wild.

The undersigned strongly recommends the sanction of this project.


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