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To

The Additional Chief Secretary,  
Forest & Wildlife Department,  
Secretariat, Thiruvananthapuram.

Sir,

**Sub :-** Forest Department – Proposal for diversion of 1.1574 ha of forest land for construction of Agricultural Eco-farm for agricultural purpose in Malappuram District of Nilambur (North) Division under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - regarding.

**Ref :-** Online Proposal No. FP/KL/Others/152407/2022.

A proposal in Form A under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 1.1574 ha of forest land in Nilambur (North) Forest Division for Agricultural Eco-farm by constructing cairns for agricultural purpose was received from Veeran Paramban, Vallathodi House, Kuniyil, Kizhuparamba P.O, Areekode, Malappuram through Divisional Forest Officer, Nilambur (North).

Divisional Forest Officer, Nilambur (North) and the Chief Conservator of Forests (Eastern Circle), Palakkad, have recommended to reject the proposal. As per the site inspection report of Divisional Forest Officer, Nilambur (North), the proposed forest area is ecologically important because the site supports wild animals such as monkey, porcupine, mouse deer and birds such as parrot, pigeon, owl, woodpecker, eagle, hill myna, greater coucal, indian cuckoo etc. along with various kinds of butterflies and reptiles and tree species such as *Xylia xylocarpa*, *Ficus bengalensis*, *Ficus religiosa*, *T. tomentosa*, *T. paniculata*, *Santalum album*, *Zanthoxylum rhetsa* etc. The forest land asked by the applicant for establishing eco farm is in between 55 acres of Private land having survey No. 8/2 of Vettilappara village is under the ownership of Cherupara Granite Company wherein the applicant is one of the partners. The land applied for diversion is

very rocky and steepy. The site is not suitable for and Eco-farm. There is high chance for soil erosion and landslides. Further, the proposal is not site specific. Hence it is submitted that the proposal for diversion of 1.1574 ha of forest land for the construction of Agricultural Eco-farm cannot be considered and the online proposal No. FP/KL/Approach/155974/2021 may be rejected.

Yours faithfully,



Chief Conservator of Forests  
Nodal Officer, F(C) Act