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From

The Project Manager

To

The Divisional Forest Officer,
Nilambur North Division
Nilambur.

Sir,

Sub: -Valanthode SHE Project (7.50 MW) – Proposal for the diversion of 0.9354 Ha of
Forest land- Reply to the EDS raised by REC- Report submitting -reg.Ref: - 1. Proposal No: FP/KL/HYD/37079/2018 dated 21.01.2019
2. Letter No. F.No. 4-KLB 1318/2021-BAN/1099 of MoEF&CC Regional
Office, Bangalore dated.30.11.2021.
3. Letter No D-7108/19 dated 25-03-2022 of the Divisional Forest Officer
Nilambur North Division.

Please refer to the above.

KSEBL had proposed for the implementation a Small Hydro Electric Project called Valanthode SHEP with an installed capacity of 7.50MW by utilising the inflow of Kurumanpuzha in Chaliyar basin. The proposed scheme is located in Akampadam Village of Chaliyar Panchayath of Nilambur Taluk of Malappuram district. Diversion of 0.9354 Ha forest land from Nilambur North Forest Division is required for implementing the proposed project. The proposal for diversion of **0.9354 Ha** of forest land vide. ref. (1) for the above project was placed before the Regional Empowered Committee, MoEF&CC, Bangalore, in its meeting held on **23.11.2021** and the REC requested the State Government to review the proposal in consultation with the experts with special reference to

1. The loss of Bio-diversity and effect on special habitats such as nesting sites, spawning sites and special breeding ground for fishes and other fauna.
2. Vulnerability of the structures proposed to be developed under this project to damage by flash floods which have been earlier reported in this area.

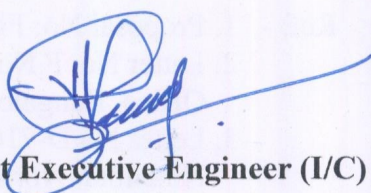
3. Assessing suitable and viable alternative means of power generation using renewable energy.

Consequently, the above proposal was returned to the user agencies end for making necessary study about the point raised in EDS vide ref. (3).

KSEBL has conducted a study, about the matters raised by REC in Serial No. 1&2, through the agency **M/s. CISSA** (Centre for Innovation in Science and Social Action, Vellayambalam, Thiruvananthapuram) and the point raised in Serial No. 3 have reconsidered by KSEBL and the required report is ready for submission. Hence, I am uploading herewith the report in Parivesh Portal, and humbly request you to reconsider the proposal for the diversion **0.9354 Ha** of forest land for implementing the above project at the earliest.

Yours faithfully,




Assistant Executive Engineer (I/C)

Copy submitted to the Deputy Chief Engineer (CC) North, Kozhikode for favour of information.