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**CCF's RECOMMENDATION REPORT ON PROPOSAL FOR DIVERSION OF FOREST
LAND FOR MARIPUZHA HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT SUBMITTED BY KSEBL**

The proposal for diversion of 1.98 Ha. of forest land in 3 bits (1.6163 Ha., 0.0483 Ha. and 0.3154 Ha.) falling within VFC item No.28 and Sy. No. 163/Pt of Nellipoyil villages submitted by KSEBL for development of Maripuzha Hydro Electric Project is **recommended** by the undersigned on the following grounds and conditions.

Grounds:

1. Electricity requirement of Kerala State is increasing with passing time and Hydro Electric Projects offer clean source of power. The diversion of 1.98 Ha. of forest land will help in production of 6 MW of electricity which is a justifiable proposal.
2. The proposed area does not form part of any protected area/heritage site/site of archaeological importance/defence establishments.
3. The requirement of land is the barest minimum.
4. No rare endangered or threatened taxa of flora and fauna are affected due to the project.
5. No displacement of families is required due to the project.

Conditions:

1. The User Agency (KSEBL) will deposit NPV and amount for raising and maintaining CA plantations for 10 years over equivalent area @ 1000 seedlings/ hectare in degraded forest land which will compensate for trees lost.
2. KSEBL will transfer and mutate equivalent area of non-forest land in favour of forest department for declaring it as Reserved Forest before processing for Stage-II clearance which will compensate for the land lost.
3. KSEBL will purchase and give a vehicle for forest protection to the Forest Development Agency (FDA), Kozhikkode or provide required amount to the FDA for purchase of the same.

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