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Dated the 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2014

To

The Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of Kerala,  
Forests & Wildlife © Department,  
Secretariat,  
Thiruvananthapuram.

Subject: Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980- Kerala Forest Department - Diversion of 4.93 ha. of forest land for Karikkayam Small Hydro Electric Project- Change of User Agency and approval under Section-2 for renewal of lease - reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the letter No.FC1-8381/2006 dated 19/11/2013 received from Addl. PCCF (SA) & Nodal Officer, Govt. of Kerala for renewal of transfer of lease hold rights of 4.93 ha. of forest land from Karikkayam Small Hydro Electric Project to Ayyappa Hydro Power Project and renewal of lease condoning delay in submitting the proposal.

After careful consideration of the proposal, in-principle (Stage-I) was accorded under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for renewal of lease of 4.93 ha. of forest land diverted for Karikkayam Small Hydro Electric Project for a period of 10 years from 28/12/2006 to 27/12/2016 in favour of M/s Ayyappa Hydro Power Project Ltd., subject to the following conditions:-

1. The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. Demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high permanent RCC boundary pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of User Agency.
3. The funds for implementation of CAT plan shall be deposited by the user agency.
4. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring 4.93 ha. from User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos.826 in 566 with related IA's in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995.

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5. Additional amount of the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from User Agency. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
6. All the funds received from User Agency under this project shall be deposited either in SB A/c No.SB01025214 - CAF Kerala, Corporation Bank, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003 (RTGS/IFSC No.CORP0000371) or in SB A/c No. 344902010105 422 - KERALA CAMPA, Union Bank of India, Sundar Nagar, New Delhi-110003 (RTGS/IFSC No.UBIN0534498). The details of deposition of funds including, *inter-alia* the DD Numbers & date, Amount, the Bank on which drawn and the date of deposition in the designated Bank shall also be furnished.
7. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 4.93 ha.
8. Any other condition that the Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bangalore may impose from time to time for protection, improvement of flora and fauna in the forest area and public convenience.

The State Government vide letter No.6769/C3/2013/F&WLD dated 26/11/2014 have reported compliance to the conditions stipulated by the Central Government in the in-principle approval.

After careful consideration of the proposal, I am directed to convey Central Government's approval (**Stage-II**) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for renewal of lease of 4.93 ha. of forest land diverted for Karikkayam Small Hydro Electric Project for a period of 10 years from 28/12/2006 to 27/12/2016 in favour of M/s Ayyappa Hydro Power Project Ltd., subject to the following additional conditions:-

1. The Catchment Area Treatment Plan shall be implemented as per the plan approved by Forest Department.
2. The DGPS readings of the 4.93 ha. of the forest land diverted shall be communicated to this office within 30 days.
3. Transfer of the lease shall not be done without the prior approval of Government of India.

Yours faithfully,

(S.M. Somashekar)  
Chief Conservator of Forests (Central)

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Copy to:-

1. The Director General of Forests & Special Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Agni Wing, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi – 110 003.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Forests Department, Government of Kerala, 'Vanalakshmi', 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Forest Headquarters, Vazhuthacaud, Thiruvananthapuram-695 014, Kerala.
3. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Special Afforestation) & Nodal Officer, Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Forests Department, Government of Kerala, 'Vanalakshmi', 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Forest Headquarters, Vazhuthacaud, Thiruvananthapuram, PIN- 695 014, Kerala.
- ✓ 4. The Director, M/s Ayyappa Hydro Power Ltd., P.O. Karikayam, Chittar, Distt. Pathanamthitta – 689 663 (Kerala).
5. The Director (Operations), M/s Tecil Chemicals and Hydro Power Limited, Regd. Office & Works: P.O. Chingavanam – 686 531, Distt. Kottayam (Kerala).
6. Guard file.



(S.M. Somashekar)  
Chief Conservator of Forests (Central)