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Dated the 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2021

To

The Inspector General of Forests (FC),  
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change,  
Indira Paryavaran Bhavan,  
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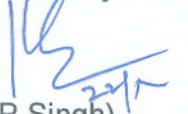
Subject: Proposal for regularisation of 1970.41 ha of forest land under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in Pathanamthitta District, Kerala -reg.

Sir,


With reference to Ministry's letter No.8-06/2020-FC dated 18/03/2021 and 02/06/2021 on the above subject, it is informed that the site inspection of the forest land proposal for diversion as well as proposed Compensatory Afforestation land has been carried out by the Shri. B.N.Anjan Kumar, Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central) on 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2021. A detailed site inspection report submitted by the inspecting officer is attached herewith.

The recommendations / comments of the undersigned is also incorporated in Point No 15 & 16 of the site inspection report.

Yours faithfully

  
(K.P. Singh)  
Regional Officer

Encl: As above.

  
22/10/2021

**PROFORMA FOR SITE INSPECTION**


	Title of the Project:	Proposal for regularisation of 1970.41 ha of forest land under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in Pathanamthitta District, Kerala – reg.
1.	Legal status of the forest land proposed for diversion:	Reserved Forest. 63.38 ha in Konni Forest Division and 1906.66 ha in Ranni Forest Division.
2.	Item-wise break-up details of the forest land proposed for diversion:	The proposal involves 80 land parcels and 6362 families. The break up is enclosed as annexure 1
3.	Whether proposal involves any construction of buildings (including residential) or not. If yes, details thereof:	The present proposal is not for any new developmental activity or developmental project but for regularization of encroachment of forest lands prior to 01.01.1977 in the district of Pathanamthitta. The occupants and their families are residing in this area by constructing the houses and converting the occupied forest area in to agricultural land
4.	Total cost of the project at present rates:	Not applicable
5.	Wildlife:	Agriculture is being practiced in these areas. Presence of wild boar is reported from some of these areas.
6.	Vegetation:	The area proposed for regularization of encroachment is cultivated mainly with rubber, coconut, arecanut and other agricultural and horticultural crops. Some of the forest tree species are also found growing intermixed with the agriculture and horticulture crops. Other than this, the Occupants have constructed houses, concrete roads/black top roads are also constructed in these areas.
7.	Background note on the proposal:	In first phase, the State Government vide letter No 51289/FG/1/1980 dated 26.06.1986 had requested the Central Government for regularization of 28588.159 Ha forest lands occupied prior to 01.01.1977 and joint verified in 5 districts-viz;- Kollam (70 Ha), Pathanamthitta (60 Ha), Idukki (25363.159 Ha), Ernakulam (375 Ha) and

		<p>Thrissur (2720 Ha). MoEF vide letter No: 8.118/86-FC dated 31.01.1995 had issued permission for handing over the said extent of land to the Revenue Department for assignment.</p> <p>In the second Phase, the present proposal is for regularization of 1970.041 ha of encroachment of forest lands prior to 01.01.1977 in the district of Pathanamthitta.</p>
8.	Compensatory afforestation:	<p>The State Government has identified Non-Forest Land to account for the loss of 'land by land' as per para 2.1 of the Hand book as well as Degraded Forest Land for taking up afforestation to account for the loss of 'tree by tree':</p> <p>The State Government has proposed 1994 ha of Degraded forest land in Pathanamthitta and Kollam District to take up afforestation activities. The identified areas are the failed plantations of Teak and Acacia which were ravaged by the Elephants resulting in poor survival of the planted species and subsequent degradation of the area. A total of 65 plantations are identified in three forest divisions. The abstract of area proposed for compensatory afforestation under each division is given below the details of plantations their extent of area is given in annexure II separately</p> <p>Konni Forest Division – 229.94 ha  Ranni Forest Division – 1351.34 ha  Punalur Forest Division – 412.72 ha  <b>Total - 1994 ha.</b></p> <p>Most of these failed plantations were left unattended for the past several years. In about 60 percent of the identified plantations, because of natural regeneration, several tree species have regenerated by natural means and reached the pole stage resulting in canopy coverage of more than 40 percent. Thus it is suggested that 65 plantations that are identified as degraded forest area may be revisited,</p>

	<p>the present condition of the plantation and canopy cover may be reassessed and those plantations where canopy density is more than 40 per cent may be excluded from the list of degraded forest areas proposed for afforestation and new areas which are more degraded (anywhere in Kerala) may be identified for the purpose of planting.</p> <p>Non-Forest Land proposed in lieu of Forest Land:  State Government Vide GO(MS) No.347/2009/Revenue dated 31.08.2009, has decided to earmark 1994 ha of non forest land for Compensatory afforestation in lieu of land to be diverted for regularization of occupied forest lands of 6362 eligible encroachers in Pathanamthitta District. This area is grass land and small portion of it is Wattle plantations. Since this area has to be maintained as grassland tree planting cannot be done in this area</p> <p>Earlier State Government vide GO (MS) NO.180/05/Revenue Dated 08.06.2005, had handed over 123.429 ha (305 acres) of land in Block no. 58 of Kottakomboor Village in Devikulam Taluk in Idukki District to the Forest Department in lieu of the forest land diverted for the implementation Sabarimala Master Plan.</p> <p>Both the above mentioned CA lands forms part of 3200 ha of the revenue land in Block No 58 consisting of Kambakkallu-Kadavary areas of Kottakombur village and block no 62(part) of Vattavada village in Devikulam taluk which was subsequently notified as Kurinjimala Wildlife sanctuary, as per order GO (P) No. 36/2006/F&amp;WLD, dated 6th October 2006. The status of the land prior to notification as a Sanctuary was Revenue</p>
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		<p><i>tarisu.</i></p> <p>As per the notification, the total extent of area notified as Wildlife sanctuary is approximately 32 sq. kms.</p> <p>Though the boundaries are described in the notification, only the northern, eastern and southern boundaries are clearly identifiable. The western boundary which borders the private holdings is not demarcated. Settlement of rights and final notification is not yet completed. The actual extent can be ascertained only after settlement of rights and a detailed survey.</p>
9.	Whether proposal involves violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 or not. If yes, a detailed report on violation including action taken against the concerned officials:	The land proposed for diversion was encroached by people and put under cultivation/habitation prior to 01.01.1977.
10.	Whether proposal involves rehabilitation of displaced persons. If yes, whether rehabilitation plan has been prepared by the State Government or not:	Not applicable
11.	Reclamation Plan:	Not applicable
12.	Details on catchment and command area under the project:	Not applicable
13.	Cost benefit ratio:	Not applicable
14.	Recommendations of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/State Government:	Recommended for diversion
15.	Recommendations of Regional Chief Conservator of Forests along with detailed reasons:	In the proposal it is mentioned that the land identified is under the possession of the encroachers before 01-01-1977 and the land is being cultivated and there are houses and roads constructed in this area. Thus it is recommended to consider the proposal favorably as per existing rules and based on the Joint verification report submitted by the State Government.

		With respect to CA land it is observed during the field visit that some of the Failed plantations that are identified as degraded forest area are having canopy density of more than 40 percent it is suggested that the identified areas should be revisited and the areas having canopy density of more than 40 per cent should be excluded and new degraded sites may be identified for afforestation.
16.	Regional Chief Conservator of Forests shall give detailed comments on whether there are any alternatives routes/alignments for locating the project on the non-forest land:	The land identified is under the possession of the encroachers for the past several decades. The land is being cultivated and there are houses and roads constructed in this area. Because of this the area has lost its basic nature of forest. Thus it will be ideal to consider the area currently under the possession of people instead of finding other alternative areas.
17.	Utility of the Project:	Issuance of land rights (Patta) to the encroachers of Forest land encroached/occupied prior 01-01-1977 thereby regularizing the occupancy of the land that is being utilized by the occupants for the purpose of cultivation/habitation, for the past several decades.
18.	Whether land being diverted has any socio-cultural/religious value:	No
19.	Situation w.r.t. any P.A.	There are 11 land parcels in Konni Division and all are outside 10 km radius of Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary. Out of the 69 land parcels of Ranni Division, 12 are within 10 km radius of Periyar WLS.
20.	Any other information relating to the Project:	NIL



Signature

Name and Designation

of Inspecting Officer: \_\_\_\_\_ B.N. ANJAN KUMAR, IFS  
AIGF(CENTRAL)

Date of Inspection: 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of September 2021

## ANNEXURE I: Details of area proposed for regularization of Encroachment

Ranni Forest Division				
Sl	Location	Village	Taluk	Extent
1	ATTATHODU	PERINAD ATTATHODU	RANNI	71.3802
2	ALIYANMUKKU 1	SEETHATHODU ALIYANMUKKU 1	KONNI	1.60089
3	ALIYANMUKKU 2	SEETHATHODU ALIYANMUKKU 2	KONNI	7.01763
4	ANACHANDA/ 22 BLOCK	SEETHATHODU ANACHANDA/ 22 BLOCK/ KOTTAKKUZHI	KONNI	135.242
5	ANAPPARA 1	CHITTAR ANAPPARA 1	KONNI	5.65683
6	ANAPPARA 2	CHITTAR ANAPPARA 2	KONNI	0.152384
7	ANAPPARA 3	CHITTAR ANAPPARA 3	KONNI	3.97527
8	ANAPPARA 4	CHITTAR ANAPPARA 4	KONNI	14.9692
9	ARATTUKUDUKKA	CHITTAR ARATTUKUDUKKA	KONNI	16.0939
10	BHAYANKARAMMUDI	SEETHATHODU BHAYANKARAMMUDI	KONNI	28.1854
11	EZHAMTHALA/ KOTTAMURUPPU	THANNITHODU EZHAMTHALA	KONNI	49.1997
12	EZGHAMTHALA/ MANIMARUTHIHKUTT AM	THANNITHODU EZHAMTHALA	KONNI	16.9807
13	GANAPATHY MADAM	SEETHATHODU GANAPATHY MADAM	KONNI	9.69083
14	GURUNATHANMUNN U	SEETHATHODU GURUNATHANMUNNU	KONNI	26.1125
15	GURUNATHANMUNN U 1	SEETHATHODU GURUNATHANMUNNU 1	KONNI	2.14438
16	KARIKKAYAM	CHITTAR KARIKKAYAM	KONNI	4.14058
17	KARIKKAYAM 1	CHITTAR KARIKKAYAM 1	KONNI	1.62368
18	KARIYANPLAVU	KARIYANPLAVU PERUMPATTY	MALAPP ALLY	96.117
19	KATTACHIRA	CHITTAR KATTACHIRA	KONNI	67.9258
20	KOCHANDY KIZHAKKAPARA/ ANGAMUZHI	SEETHATHODE KOCHANDY KIZHAKKAPARA/ ANGAMUZHI	KONNI	0.241385
21	KOCHUKOYIKKAL	SEETHATHODE KOCHUKOYIKKAL	KONNI	28.9334
22	KODUMUDI 1/ CHITTAR THEKKAKARA	CHITTAR KODUMUDI 1/ CHITTAR THEKKAKARA	KONNI	1.71087
23	KODUMUDI 2	CHITTAR KODUMUDI 2	KONNI	3.71695
24	KODUMUDI/ PADAYANIPARA	CHITTAR KODUMUDI	KONNI	4.58775
25	KOTTAMON PARA	SEETHATHODE KOTTAMON PARA, PANJIPARA, VALUPARA, KANNATTUTHARA, ADIYALKALA MELA	KONNI	90.837

26	KUDAPPANAKULAM	THANNITHODU KUDAPPANAKULAM	KONNI	54.1084
27	KULAGARAVALLY 1	CHITTAR KULANGARAVALLEY	KONNI	0.82258
28	KULANGARAVALLY	CHITTAR KULAGARAVALLY	KONNI	22.598
29	KURUMPANMUZHI	KLOLLAMMULA KURUMPANMUZHI	RANNI	1.41063
30	KUTHATTUKULAM THEKKAKARA 1	CHITTAR KUTHATTUKULAM THEKKAKARA 1	KONNI	17.2267
31	KUTHATTUKULAM THEKKAKARA	CHITTAR KUTHATTUKULAM THEKKAKARA	KONNI	20.2403
32	MANAKKAYAM	KOLLAMMULLA MANAKKAYAM	RANNI	8.26002
33	MANIKANDANKALA	SETHATHODU MANIKANDANKALA 2	KONNI	0.283123
34	MANIKANDANKALA 1	SETHATHODU MANIKANDANKALA 1	KONNI	0.280994
35	MANIKANDANKALA 3/ SEETHAMMUZHI	SETHATHODU MANIKANDANKALA 3/ SEETHAMMUZHI	KONNI	0.068546
36	MANIKANDANKALA/ SEETHAKKUZHI	SETHATHODU MANIKANDANKALA/ SEETHAKKUZHI	KONNI	263.303
37	MEENKUZHI/ CHITTAR 86	MEENKUZHI/ CHITTAR 86/ CHITTAR/ CHITTAR KIZHAKKARA/ PALLIPPADI	KONNI	7.21707
38	MEKKANNAM MUZHI/ MUZHICKAL	THANNITHODU/ MEKKANNAM MUZHI/ MUZHICKAL	KONNI	17.5466
39	MEKKANNAM/ THANNITHODU	THANNITHODU MEKKANNAM/ THANNITHODU	KONNI	29.8888
40	MELAPUCHAKULAM	THANNITHODU MELAPUCHAKULAM	KONNI	16.2458
41	MONPILAVU 2	CHITTAR MONPILAVU 1	KONNI	0.193296
42	MONPILAVU 2 A	CHITTAR MONPILAVU 2	KONNI	21.7454
43	MONPULAVU 1	THANNITHODU MONPULAVU 1	KONNI	5.58977
44	MUNDANPARA	SEETHATHODU MUNDANPARA	KONNI	127.649
45	MUNNAM BLOCK/ NALAM BLOCK	SEETHATHODU MUNNAM BLOCK/ NALAM BLOCK	KONNI	1.44217
46	MURTHIMON	THANNITHODU MURTHIMON	KONNI	9.10016
47	MURTHIMUM 1	THANNITHODU MURTHIMON	KONNI	0.110202
48	NEELIPILAVU 1 (1)	CHITTAR NEELIPILAVU 1 (1)	KONNI	1.11756
49	NEELIPILAVU 1 (2)	CHITTAR NEELIPILAVU 1 (2)	KONNI	0.946033
50	NEELIPILAVU 1(3)	CHITTAR NEELIPILAVU 1(3)	KONNI	13.662
51	NEELIPLAVU	CHITTAR NEELIPLAVU	KONNI	27.1279
52	NEELIPLAVU 2	CHITTAR NEELIPLAVU 2	KONNI	7.21859
53	OLIKALLU	VADASHARIKKARA	RANNI	44.0765



		OLIKALLU/ THEKKUMALA		
54	PAMBINI	CHITTAR PAMBINI	KONNI	8.88666
55	PUCHAKULAM 1	THANNITHODU PUCHAKULAM 1	KONNI	14.6214
56	PUCHAKULAM 2	THANNITHODU PUCHAKULAM 2	KONNI	27.4124
57	SREELANKAM MURUPPU (PARAKKULAM)	THANNITHODU SREELANKAM MURUPPU	KONNI	7.64638
58	THAZHA PUCHAKULAM	THANNITHODU THAZHA PUCHAKULAM	KONNI	1.41063
59	THARAKATHUMMUNNU	CHITTAR THARAKATHUMMUNNU	KONNI	4.70515
60	THERAKATHUM MANNU	CHITTAR THERAKATHUM MANNU	KONNI	15.529
61	THUMPAKULAM/ KARIMAN THODU	THANNITHODU THUMPAKULAM/ KARIMAN THODU	KONNI	55.5493
62	UDUMBINI 1	SEETHATHODU UDUMBINI 1	KONNI	2.04365
63	URUMBINI	SEETHATHODU URUMBINI	KONNI	2.21532
64	VALAIPADI	CHITTAR VALAIPADI	KONNI	21.2442
65	VALIYAKAVU	PERUMPATTI VALIYAKAVU	MALLAP PALLY	8.03381
66	VILLUNNIPARA	VILLUNNIPARA	KONNI	1.3505
67	VILLUNNIPARA 1	VILLUNNIPARA 1	KONNI	11.7722
68	VILLUNNIPARA & PULAYANPARA	CHITTAR VILLUNNIPARA & PULAYANPARA	KONNI	45.9089
69	ARAANJILIMANNU	ARAANJILIMANNU	RANNI	220.318
<b>Konni Forest Division</b>				
1	AVOLIKKUZHI	KONNITHAZHAM AVOLIKKUZHI	KONNI	10.0366
2	AVOLIKKUZHI BIT 2 (1)	KONNITHAZHAM AVOLIKKUZHI BIT 2	KONNI	3.56175
3	AVOLIKKUZHI BIT 2 (3)	KONNITHAZHAM AVOLIKKUZHI 2(3)	KONNI	0.969936
4	AVOLIKKUZHI BIT 2(2)	KONNITHAZHAM AVOLIKKUZHI 2(2)	KONNI	0.018884
5	ELIMULLUMPLAKKAL	KONNITHAZHAM ELIMULLUMPLAKKAL	KONNI	0.015206
6	MANNEERA/ THALAMANAM	THANNITHODU	KONNI	47.794342
7	NJALLUR 2	KONNITHAZHAM NJALLUR 2	KONNI	0.391827
8	NJALLUR 3	KONNITHAZHAM NJALLUR 3	KONNI	0.163761
9	NJALLUR 4	KONNITHAZHAM NJALLUR 4	KONNI	0.106659
10	NJALLUR 5	KONNITHAZHAM NJALLUR 5	KONNI	0.258155
11	NJALLUR 1	KONNITHAZHAM NJALLUR 1	KONNI	0.04286
<b>TOTAL AREA</b>				<b>1970.041</b>

ANNEXURE II: Details of Plantations identified as degraded forest for CA

Plantations identified in Konni Division			
SI No	Range	Name of Plantation	Extent (Ha)
1	Konni	1994 Kummannoor	36.42
2	Do	2004 Adichanpara	25.49
3	Naduvathumoozhy	1994 Kadiyar	24.08
4	Do	1996 Uliyanad	15.00
5	Do	1996 Mundomoozhy	2.60
6	Do	1979 Kokkathodu	10.60
7	Do	1996 Vayakkara	15.00
8	Mannarappara	1999 Palakuzhy	24.25
9	Do	2001 Mannarappara	39.63
10	Do	2001 Mannarappara	36.87
		<b>Total</b>	<b>229.94</b>
Plantations Identified in Ranni Division			
1	Ranni	1996 Rajampara	43.00
2	Do	1996 Rajampara	11.04
3	Do	1996 Rajampara	1.97
4	Do	1996 Rajampara	39.20
5	Do	1996 Rajampara	5.60
6	Do	1998 Rajampara	50.00
7	Do	1998 Rajampara	22.00
8	Do	1998 Chethakal	16.00
9	Do	1999 Kudamuruty	2.6
10	Do	1999 Arayanjilimon	20.00
11	Do	2001 Kariamplavu	25.44
12	Do	2001 Valiyakavu	21.44
13	Do	2002 Pamaruthi RDF	28.07
14	Do	1995 Rajampara	21.12
15	Vadasserikkara	1998 Karikayam	7.93
16	Do	1998 Kodumudi	6.20
17	Do	1995 Thekkumala	7.96
18	Do	1990 Adukuzhi	31.36
19	Do	1988 Chengara-Thekkumala	44.16
20	Do	1998 Chengara- Anakuzhimon	25.40
21	Do	1990 Chengara- Anakuzhimon	28.62
22	Do	1991 Chengara- Pekkavu	23.40
23	Do	1992 Chengera -Pekkavu	31.85
24	Do	1993 Chengara- Kumpalathamom	24.15
25	Do	1994 Kumpalathamom	65.8
26	Do	1995 Adukuzhy	60.90
27	Do	1995 Kumpalathamom	21.00
28	Do	1995 Olikallu	16.00
29	Do	1996 Kumpalathamom Bit I	11.95
30	Do	1996 Kumpalathamom Bit II	1.95
31	Do	1997 Chengara	82.76
32	Do	1998 Chengara	21.50

33	Do	1999 Chengara	6.00
34	Do	2000 Chengara	27.00
35	Do	2001 Chengara	47.75
36	Do	2002 Chengara Bit I	61.10
37	Do	2002 Chengara Bit II	39.97
38	Do	2002 Chengara- Adukuzhi AA	65.92
39	Do	2003 Chengera( 1939 clear felled area)	50.18
40	Do	2004 Chengera (1940 clear felled area)	60.70
4 i	Do	2005 Chengera (1941 clear felled area)	36.85
42	Do	2006 Chengera (1941 clear felled area)	25.50
43	Goodrical	1982 Anathodu	70.00
44	Do	1983 Attappara	110.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>1351.34</b>
<b>Plantations Identified in Punalur Division</b>			
1	Pathanapuram	1999 Paravally	30.62
2	Do	2001 Poovalikkuzhi	91.00
3	Do	2003 Kundmkulam	84.70
4	Do	2004 Vilakkuvettam	25.00
5	Do	2005 Padam	20.16
6	Do	2010 Kalayil	19.30
7	Do	2010 Vazhtope	24.67
8	Do	2010 Kadakkamon	32.50
9	Do	2010 Mukkadavu	41.70
10	Do	2010 Mukkadavu	24.60
11	Do	2000 Chithara	19.08
		<b>Total</b>	<b>413.21</b>