

Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan
New Delhi – 110003
Dated: 23rd December, 2022

To,
The Principal Secretary (Forest),
Government of Kerala,
Thiruvananthapuram

Sub: Proposal for Regularization of 1970.041 ha. of forest land under Section 2 of forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in Pathanamthitta District of Kerala. Reg

Sir,

I am directed to refer to APCCF, Nodal (FCA) & CAMPA letter No.12455/2016 dated 10.11.22 forwarding additional information in response to this Ministry's letter dt 04.08.22 and to say that after analyzing the same it is observed that the below mentioned information/documents are missing:-

- i. State Govt. is requested to submit any concrete proof like remote sensing maps, Government Documents etc. that proves that the area proposed for regularization is under encroachment prior to 1977 as per the decision taken in the meeting held on 26.07.2022. The same was not provided by State Govt. vide letter No.12455/2016 dated 10.11.22. Moreover, as an additional information State Govt. may submit the documents/certificates of the joint verification done by revenue and forest department as mentioned in District Collectors' certificate for further reference in the Ministry. It is further requested to submit the verified translated documents if in case the documents are in vernacular language.
- ii. In the meeting held on 26.07.2022, it was informed that the high density is mainly due to the growth of unwanted plants i.e. weeds and climbers and once the unwanted plants are removed the identified DFL will be suitable for plant. The high density of the weeds is also reported as per the vegetation/ crop composition data submitted by the State Govt. In this regard it may be noted that as per the CA Scheme submitted by the State Govt., the cost for removing the weeds and climbers is not included. The State Govt. may offer its comments whether the CA scheme requires to be revised or the activity mentioned will be under taken in the same cost structure.
- iii. The report of vegetation/crop composition submitted was analyzed in the Ministry and it was observed that in Ranni Division, SFD has merged some of the CA sites and considered it as a single CA site. The overall area of CA land proposed in Ranni Division is same. However, in Punalur Division one CA site having area of 16.0061 ha is missing in the report. Earlier the area proposed for CA was 1984.4478 ha and now it has been revised to 1968.4417 ha. In this regard the State Govt. may offer its comments.

In view of above, the State Govt. is requested to kindly furnish the above mentioned information/documents to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Yours faithfully

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1. The PCCF(HoFF), Government of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
2. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
3. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bengaluru.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.