

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

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Indira Paryavaran Bhawan  
New Delhi - 110003  
Dated: 9th February, 2021

To,  
**The Principal Secretary (Forests),**  
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**  
Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Kerala letter no. FWLD-C1/208/2019-FWLD dated 17/12/2020 on the above mentioned subject requesting regularization of 1970.041 ha. of forest land under Section 2 of forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in Pathanamthitta District of Kerala. In this regard it is informed that after examination of the additional information certain shortcomings were observed as mentioned below:

- i. The State Government has not provided the KML file of the land proposed for Compensatory Afforestation despite repeated requests.
- ii. State government is requested to provide the present legal status of land which has been declared as wild life sanctuary. From the report of State Government, it is not clear if the area of the sanctuary is a notified forest or any category of forest over which the provisions of FCA 1980 are applicable.
- iii. The copy of the letter no. G.O.(P) No.36/2006/F&WLD dated 06/10/2006 for declaring 3200 ha. non forest land as Kurinjimala Sanctuary in Vattavada Village of Idukki District in Kerala was not annexed with the additional information forwarded. In this regard, the State Govt. is requested to forward the same.

In view of above the State Government is requested to kindly furnish the above mentioned information at the earliest to this Ministry for further processing of the proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Yours faithfully  
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4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.