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

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan New Delhi – 110003 Dated: 8th March, 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 Sir.

I am directed to refer to the Government of Kerala letter no. FC2/12455/2016 dated 11th February 2021 on the above mentioned subject and to inform that it has been decided to schedule a meeting through Video Conferencing with Nodal officer (FCA), Kerala on 03:00 PM on 10.03.2021 to discuss the issue and status of CA land.

In view of above, the Nodal Officer (FCA), Govt. of Kerala is requested to give a brief presentation on the issue and status of proposed CA land. Some of the issues which need more clarity are listed below:-

- i. Complete KML file of the CA land proposed against the diversion (Both NFL and DFL) is not submitted by the State Govt. the same shall be submitted.
- ii. The legal Status of the area proposed for CA in Kurinjimala Sanctuary may be clarified..
- iii. As per the DSS report, the latest KML file forwarded consist of 59 CA sites and the total calculated area is 1341.28 ha. where as it should be equal to the area proposed for non forest use i.e 1970.041 ha. This need clarity.
- iv. Out of total area proposed for CA most of the area falls in Medium dense category. A DSS analysis report of CA area done at State level may kindly be discussed.
- v. Details of different court orders/Specific direction related to the proposal may kindly be discussed

The VC link of the above-mentioned meeting will be forwarded through email at the earliest.

Yours faithfully Sd/(Sandeep Sharma)
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- 1. The PCCF(HoFF), Government of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
- 2. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bengaluru.
- 3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
- 4. The Director, NIC, MoEF&CC-to kindly make necessary arrangement to conduct the VC meeting on the above mentioned date and time.

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- 5. User Agency.6. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.