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No. 4-KLC1368/2022-BAN/ 651

Dated: 29th August, 2022

To

The Principal Secretary,
Government of Kerala,
Forests & Wildlife (C) Department,
Secretariat, Thiruvananthapuram,
Kerala, PIN - 695 001.

Subject: Proposal for Diversion of 17.263 ha of forest land for construction of Twin Tunnel with Four Lane Approaches for providing direct connectivity between Anakkampoyil Kalladi-Meppady road in Kozhikode and Wayanad Districts of Kerala in favour of the Executive Engineer, PWD, Roads Division, Kozhikode - reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to State Government's letter No.C3/165/2022/F& WLD dated 29.07.2022 vide which the above mentioned proposal was submitted. In this regard, it is requested to furnish the following information for further processing of the proposal:-

- The Legal status of forest areas surrounding the enclosures proposed as CA land, may be provided.
- As per the suitability certificate provided by DFO, Wayanad South, out of 17.53 ha of land identified for CA only 7.40 ha. is suitable for plantation. Thus the details of the additional area (i.e. degraded forest land) identified to carry out remaining plantation and also the site suitability certificate and the CA scheme for the same may be provided.
- This office vide letter No.F©A/11.6/GEN/Kerala/Vol.V/ 1412 dated 11.02.2022 had forwarded representation submitted by Mr. Dharmaraj. C. S, Secretary "Our Own Nature", to State Government. Remarks of State Govt. with respect to the issues mentioned in the representation may be provided.
- The user agency in its EIA report has mentioned about the anticipated impact of the project on Terrestrial Fauna and Wildlife. Few mitigation measures have also been suggested by the user agency for wildlife protection and management during construction and post construction phase of the project. Further DFO, Wayanad

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South has necessitated a rescue plan with 24/7 service of Rapid Response Team, at the cost of user agency for rescue of animals that may get trapped in the tunnel. The remarks of Chief Wildlife Warden on the impact on Wildlife and mitigation measures suggested by the user agency and also on the point mentioned by DFO South Wayanad may be provided.

Yours faithfully,



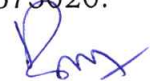
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