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Dated : As per e-signature

To

The Additional Chief Secretary,  
 Government of Kerala,  
 Forests & Wildlife (C) Department,  
 Secretariat, Thiruvananthapuram,  
 Kerala, PIN – 695 001.

Sub: Proposal under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the diversion of 0.9354 ha of forest land in Nilambur North Forest Division for Valanthode Small Hydro Electric Project Scheme-reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the additional information submitted by the State Government on 03/10/2025 on the subject mentioned above. In this regard, it is requested that the State Government may kindly clarify whether a Cumulative Impact Assessment (CIA) study to assess the carrying capacity of the river basin has been conducted for the proposed project, as mandated under chapter 9 of consolidated guideline and clarification issued under *Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam 1980*. If such a study has been undertaken, the details thereof may kindly be furnished to this office at the earliest. In the absence of such a study, the proposal shall be processed by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), New Delhi, as per the provisions of Sub-rule 2(iii) of Rule 10 of *Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam 2023*.

In view of the above, an early clarification on the matter is requested to enable further processing of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

(Praneetha Paul)  
 Dy. Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Forest Department, Government of Kerala, 'Vanalakshmi', 1st Floor, Forest Headquarters, Vazhuthacaud, Thiruvananthapuram, PIN- 695 014, Kerala.
2. The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Management) & Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Government of Kerala, 'Vanalakshmi', 1st Floor, Forest Headquarters, Vazhuthacaud, Thiruvananthapuram, PIN- 695 014, Kerala.
3. The Kerala State Electricity Board, Office of the Project Manager, Valanthode Small HEP, Chandakkunnu P.O. Nilambur, Malappuram-679342, Kerala.