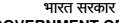
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To

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)

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## 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, Malappurum-679342, Kerala.