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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 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 inform that the State Government has re-submitted the proposal on 27/11/2025 by uploading Nodal Officer's letter dated 09/09/2025 along with the report on "**A study on status of Biodiversity and structural stability of proposed Valanthode Hydroelectric Project**". In this regard, it is informed that the said report submitted by the State Government has been examined and noted that the report is not a study on the cumulative impact assessment to assess the carrying capacity of the river basin.

In this regard, Rule 10 of the Van Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan rules 2023 may be referred to. If a Cumulative Impact Assessment study has not been carried out, further examination and disposal shall be by the MoEF&CC. It is requested to carry out a Cumulative Impact Assessment (CIA) study to assess the Carrying Capacity of the river basin as mandated under Chapter para 9.3 of Chapter 9 of consolidated guidelines and clarification issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam 1980, and re-submit the proposal for further processing, please.

Yours faithfully

(Praneetha Paul)

Dy. Inspector General of Forest (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