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To

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

**Subject:-** 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 State Government's letter No.C3/221/2021-FWLD dated 16.10.2021 on the above subject. In this regard, it is informed that the above proposal was placed before the Regional Empowered Committee (REC) in its meeting held on 23.11.2021 and after due deliberations REC noted that the Nilambur North Division is part of Nilgiri Biosphere reserve. Since it is ecologically highly sensitive area, the project may have impact on the forest area.

Therefore, REC requested the State Government to review the proposal in consultation with experts with special reference to the loss of Bio-diversity and effect on special habitats such as nesting sites, spawning sites and special breeding ground for fishes and other fauna and also vulnerability of the structures proposed to be developed under this project, to damage by flash floods which have been earlier reported in this area. REC also requested to assess suitable and viable alternative means of power generation using renewable energy.

In view of the above, it is requested that the State Government may further examine the proposal as pointed out by REC above.

Yours faithfully,

(B.N. Anjan Kumar)

etc Assistant Inspector General of Forest (Central)

Copy to:-

1. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Kerala, 'Vanalakshmi', 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Forest Headquarters, Vazhuthacaud, Thiruvananthapuram – 695 014.
2. Kerala State Electricity Board Ltd., Office of the Project Manager, Valanthode Small HEP, Chandakkunnu P.O, Nilambur, Malappuram-679342, Kerala.

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