Government of India Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (Forest Conservation Division)

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The Principal Secretary (Forests), Department of Environment & Forests, Government of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

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Sub: Proposal for seeking approval under FC Act,1980, for extension of lease of 94.98 ha. of forest land for setting up of experimental farm at Peruvannamuzhy Range in Kozhikode District by Indian Institute of Spices Research (IISR)-regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Kerala's letter No.80/C2/2017/F & WLD dated 26.09.2017 on the above cited proposal for prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 wherein State Government has forwarded additional information as sought by this Ministry's letter dated 06.03.2018 and to say that the after the examination of the said information the following shortcomings were observed:-

- i. The State Government/user agency has not submitted the approved detailed land use plan of the buildings and roads with suitable justification.
- ii. The original deed of the lessee has not been provided by the State Government/user agency.
- iii. The original DGPS maps of proposed forest land for diversion has not been furnished by the State Government/user agency.
- iv. The identified CA sites and approved CA scheme with the suitability certificate has not been submitted by the State Government.
- v. The KML/shape file and DGPS maps of the identified CA areas has to be submitted.
- vi. The recommendation of the Principal Secretary forests, Government of Kerala has not been uploaded on the web portal i.e. parivesh.nic.in.

vii.whether the NPV for the proposed diverted forest land has been imposed by the State Government or not. It may be clarified.

viii. The State Government and user agency to process for Wildlife Clearance simultaneously as a part of lease area falls within Wildlife Sanctuary.

Accordingly, I am directed to request the State Government to submit the information/clarification on shortcomings, as indicated above, to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

1.12.19

(Brijendra Swaroop) Dy. Inspector General of Forests

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- 1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Government of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
- 2. The Nodal Officer, under the FCA, 1980 O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Government of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
- 3. The Dy. Director General (Central), Regional Office (SZ), Chennai.
- 4. User Agency.
- 5. Monitoring Cell of the FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi, for uploading.
- 6. Guard file.