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To

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

Subject: Renewal of lease of 5.553 ha. of forest land in Periyar Tiger Reserve to Kerala  
Tourism Development Ltd -reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to State Government's letter No.C3/127/2018-FWLD dated 08/11/2019 on the above subject and to inform that though the lease granted in favour of User Agency has been expired on 06/08/1996, renewal proposal has been received after a gap of more than 23 years, which is too long a period to condone the delay without any appropriate justification. Therefore, the proposal may be examined as per para 1.21 of the Handbook of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 & Forest Conservation Rules, 2003 and justification for delay may be furnished.

It is also informed that the proposal submitted by State Government is incomplete on the following grounds:-

- KML file of the area proposed for diversion is not uploaded in Part-I of the on-line proposal.
- Proposal does not contain any provision for Compensatory Afforestation though the area proposed for diversion is more than 1 ha.
- The FRA compliance certificate has not been furnished in the format as prescribed vide MoEF&CC guidelines No. 11-9/98-FC(pt) dated 5/7/2013 (Non-linear project).

It is further informed that since in the entire forest land involved in this proposal falls entirely in Periyar Tiger Reserve, the proposal can be considered only after obtaining the clearance from the Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife (NBWL).

It is, therefore, requested that the requisite information on the above points may be furnished for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

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(R.Padmawathe)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)

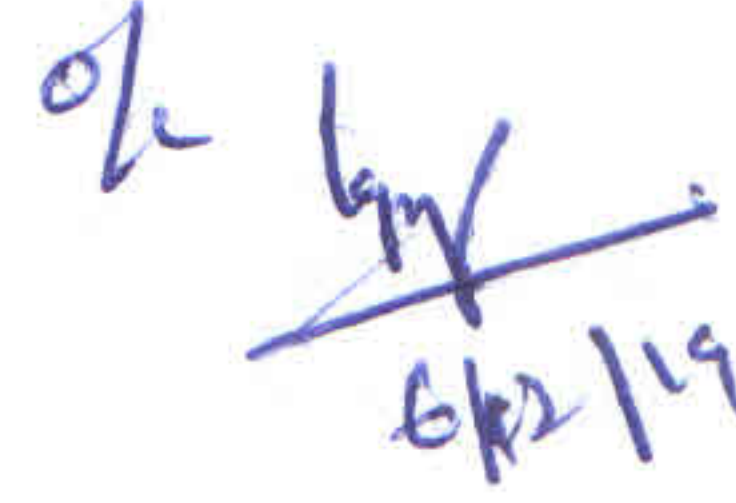
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2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest, Land & Resources) & Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Government of Kerala, 'Vanalakshmi', 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Forest Headquarters, Vazhuthacaud, Thiruvananthapuram, PIN- 695 014, Kerala.
3. M/s. Kerala Tourism Development Ltd, Corporate Office, Mascot Square Vikas Bhavan, Thiruvananthapuram -695 033.

  
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