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To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer (FC Act)
Thiruvananthapuram

Sir,

Sub :- Vellakkayam Micro Hydro Electric Project- Diversion of 0.138 Ha.
Forest Land – submission of clarification- reg.

- Ref :-
1. Letter No.4-KLB 1437/23-BAN dated 15.03.2023 of Government of India , Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change integrated Regional Office Bangalore .
 2. Letter No.KFDDO/28586/2023-DFOKGLM/A3 dated 06.11.2024 of Divisional Forest Officer Kothamangalam.
 3. Letter No.KFDDO/28586/2023-DFOKGLM/A3 dated 07.03.2025 of Divisional Forest Officer Kothamangalam.

Kind attention is invited to the subject and references cited above. The reply regarding the clarification sought vide reference (1) cited submitted by Divisional Forest officer, Kothamangalam vide reference (2) &(3) which is already uploaded in the PARIVESH portal is forwarded herewith. Regarding the query No.1, the report regarding violation of Forest (Conservation) Act and name of the erring officer submitted by the Divisional Forest officer may be accepted. The user agency has started the work in the area before getting clearance under Forest (Conservation) Act which is a violation under section (2) of the said Act.

Regarding the query No.2, it is clarified that the land in question is fully Forest land which is part and parcel of Thodupuzha Reserve. The present land identified for the project is not a patta land.

Yours faithfully,

Chief Conservator of Forests