

I am submitting herewith the reply to queries as below.

- i. **Clarify whether the instant proposal is the first hydro-electric project in the river**
:- An application for Pattayakudy Hydro Electric Project in Edathana thodu, a tributary of Kothamangalam thodu near the Vellakkayam Hydro Electric Project has been submitted through Parivesh Portal and received Stage I approval which is first Hydro Electric project in this river. Pattayakudy Hydro Electric Project and Vellakkayam Hydro Electric Project are tributaries of Kothamangalam thodu in which water flows to Kothamangalam thodu.
- ii. **Submit an action taken report against the said violation in the instant proposal**
:- As soon as the information regarding the construction of Vellakayam Micro Hydro Electric Project by Mr.Y.Sleebachan was received, the then Mullaringad Range Forest Officer conducted an enquiry in to the matter and issued a stop memo on 01.03.2021. No further violation of Forest Conservation Act of any kind has happened in the area. Further the applicant filed an application for obtaining forest clearance application through Parivesh Portal. Further action can be taken based on approval or rejection as the case may be.
- iii. **Disciplinary action against the official concerned for not being able to prevent use of forest land for non-forestry purpose without the prior approval of Govt.of India:-**On the basis of the documents submitted by Mr. Y Sleebachan regarding the above matter, it was understood that NOC was obtained from Vannappuram Grama Panchayath for this project. The NOC was given, since the authority in the project lies with the Grama Panchayath. The names of the members of the committee that met on 09.02.2018 in Vannapuram GP were requested, and the Panchayath authorities have provided the names of the ward members who attended the above meeting. The name of the panchayath secretary was reported to your office vide letter dated 06.11.2024. the disciplinary action against the said officers has to be taken up with the respective department.
- iv. **Status of CIA/CCS study (Impact Assessment) of river on which the proposal has been proposed shall be provided:-** In this regard no studies has been conducted. On 14.07.2025 site inspection was conducted by Smt. Praneetha Paul,IFS,DIGF(C) along DFO and staffs, instructions has been given to User agency to submit CIA report. Also user agency was called for hearing on 05.08.2025 and instructed to submit CIA studies report . Report not received from user agency.
- v. **The kml file and map of the entire project area:-** On hearing dated 05.08.2025 at DFOs chamber and during site inspection of Smt. Praneetha Paul,IFS,DIGF(C) user agency was directed to submit corrected plan, sketch and DPR along with actual area required. Details not received from user agency.

Sd/-
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Kothamangalam