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## From

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Forest Management) & Nodal Officer, F(C)Act, Forest Headquarters, Vazhuthacaud, Thiruvananthapuram.

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The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest & Chief Wildlife Warden,
Forest Headquarters, Vazhuthacaud,
Thiruvananthapuram.

Sir,

**Sub :-** Renewal of lease of 5.553 ha of forest land in Periyar Tiger Reserve to Kerala Tourism Development Ltd. - regarding.

Ref:1. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change F.No. 4-KLC 1215/2019-BAN/581 dated 10.09.2020, 06.12.2019.

2. This office Endt. on even No. dated 28.01.2020.

Urgent attention is invited to the reference cited. In the letter mentioned above, Government of India pointed out that the entire forest area proposed for renewal of lease falls under Periyar Tiger Reserve and hence the clearance should be obtained from National Board of Wildlife. Therefore it is requested to take appropriate action for getting Wildlife Clearance for the same. Please note that the continuous use of forest land by User Agency after the expiry of lease period is a violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Hence please treat the matter as most urgent.

Yours faithfully,

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Management) &

(Forest Management) & Nodal Officer, F(C) Act

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