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Dated: 15th March, 2023

To

The Additional Chief Secretary,
 Government of Kerala,
 Forests & Wildlife (C) Department,
 Secretariat, Thiruvananthapuram,
 Kerala, PIN - 695 001.

Subject: Proposal for diversion of 0.138 ha of forest land under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the construction of Vellakkayam 90 KW Micro Hydro Electric Project in Kothamangalam Division - reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to State Government's letter No.C3/74/2023/F&WLD dated 23/02/2023 received through Parivesh portal seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section '2' of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above project. In this regard, it is requested that information/clarification on the following may kindly be provided for further processing of the proposal:-

- i. As per the Site inspection report of DFO, Kothamangalam, the User Agency has started the work without FC approval. Further, the google time series data reveals that the vegetation in the proposed area has been cleared during the year 2021. Hence the proposal is required to be processed as per the guidelines issued by Ministry vide letter no. FC-11/113/2022-FC dated 8/9/2022. Therefore, a detailed report on violation including the names of erring officials may be furnished for taking further action for violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
- ii. As per the proposal, the power house is situated in the land bought by the User Agency from previous occupant whose patta was issued in 2009 under Regularization of forest Encroachment Rules - 1993. It may be noted that the Govt of India vide letter dated 31.1.1995, while according approval under F(C) Act, 1980 for diversion of 28,588.159 ha of forest land in various Districts of Kerala for regularization of pre 1.1.1977 encroachments for assignment of land under the Kerala Land Assignment (Regularization of Occupations of forest lands prior to 1.1.1977) special Rules, 1993 had stipulated that a person in whose

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favor regularization of encroachment is to be done shall not be authorized to sell these areas. Therefore, the State Government's comments in this regard may be provided.

Yours faithfully,



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Asstt. Inspector General of Forest (Central)

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2. The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Management) & Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Government of Kerala, 'Vanalakshmi', 1st Floor, Forest Headquarters, Vazhuthacaud, Thiruvananthapuram, PIN- 695 014, Kerala.
3. The Director, Sreeba Vellakayam Hydro Project Pvt Ltd., Valiyavilayil Building, MP XI-395, Chengamanadu P.O, Kottarakkara, Kollam, Kerala - 691 557. (sleebapower@gmail.com)



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