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No. 4-KLB1440/2023-BAN/

Dated: 23rd March, 2023

To

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

Subject: Diversion of 1.9801 ha of forest land in Kozhikode Forest Division at Nellipoyil & Thiruvambady Village of Kodencherry Panchayat, Thamarassery Taluk for installation of Maripuzha Small Hydro Electric Project (2x 3 MW) run off the river scheme in Chaliyar Basin in favour of The Chief Engineer, Civil, Investigation & Planning, KSEBL. (Online Proposal No.

FP/KL/HYD/37412/2018)

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government's Letter No. C3/106/2023-FWLD) on 10/03/2023 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:-

- 1. Justification for locating the project in forest area.
- 2. The details of alternatives examined along with map and reason for their rejection.
- 3. Detailed Project Report of the project.
- 4. Whether the proposal involves transmission line component for evacuation of power from the proposed Hydel Project.
- 5. The degraded forest land selected for planting falls in Malabar Wildlife Sanctuary which is being managed as per the approved Management Plan of the said wildlife sanctuary, is the planting/afforestation activities proposed in the identified degraded forest land is in consistent with the recommendations of approved Management Plan of the Sanctuary.

Yours faithfully,

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(B.N. ANJAN KUMAR) Asstt. Inspector General of Forest (Central)

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Forest Department, Government of Kerala, 'Vanalakshmi', 1st Floor, Forest Headquarters, Vazhuthacaud, Thiruvananthapuram, PIN- 695 014, Kerala.

2. The Addl. PCCF (Forest Management) & Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the PCCF, Forest Department, Government of Kerala, 'Vanalakshmi', 1st Floor, Forest Headquarters, Vazhuthacaud, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala-695 014.

3. The Chief Engineer, Civil, Investigation & Planning, Kerala State Electricity Board Ltd., (KSEBL), Vydhyuth Bhavan,

Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala - 695 004.

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Asstt. Inspector General of Forest (Central)