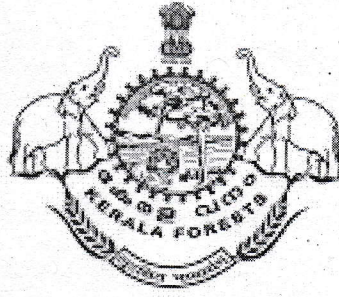


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To

The Project Manager,
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Valanthode Small Hydro Electric Project,
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Sir,

- Sub : Valanthode Small Hydro Electric Project – Conducting a Scientific Evaluation – Reg.
- Ref : 1) Letter No. F.No. 4-KLB 1318/2021-BAN/1099 of the MoEFCC, Government of India, dated: 30.11.2021
2) Letter No. FC1-749/2019 of the APCCF and Nodal Officer, F(C) Act, dated:23.12.2021

Kind attention is invited to the References cited above. The MoEFCC, Government of India, has requested the State Government to review the proposal for diversion of 0.9354 ha of forest land in consultation with experts, with special reference to subjects mentioned in Reference (1) cited. As per Reference (2) cited, The APCCF and Nodal Officer, F(C) Act, has instructed to conduct a scientific evaluation in consultation with the User Agency, at the cost of User Agency. Hence you are requested to submit a proposal for conducting the scientific evaluation with special reference to:

- 1) The loss of Bio-diversity and effect on special habitats such as nesting sites, spawning sites and special breeding grounds for fishes and other fauna.

- 2) Vulnerability of the structures proposed to be developed under this project, to damage by flash floods which have earlier reported in this area.
- 3) Assessing suitable and viable alternative means of power generation using renewable energy.

Yours faithfully,


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