

F. No.4-KRC 4-KLB1437/2023 -BAN
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Dated: As per e-signature

To

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

Sub: Proposal for seeking ex-post fact approval of the Central government under section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 for diversion of 0.138 ha of forest land for the construction of Vellakkayam 90 KW Micro Hydro Electric Project in Kothamangalam Division (Online Proposal No.FP /KL/HYD /144656/2021)-Reg.

I am directed to refer to State Government letter EDS reply dated 24/02/2026 on the subject mentioned above and to say the additional information submitted by the State Government has been examined. In this regard, it is requested to clarify/ furnish the following information.

1. As per the submission of the State Government, the CIA/CCS studies have been carried out. However, a copy of the same is not part of the proposal. The State Government is requested to submit the CIA and CSS study for the said river basin.
2. The State Government has not taken any action against the officials responsible for approving/allowing use of forest land for non-forestry purposes without prior approval of the Central Government. The State Government is required to submit its comments on the matter.
3. The powerhouse component of the project area of 0.012 ha and the road component area of 0.016 ha has been proposed in the Patta land. This Patta land has been purchased by the user agency from previous occupant whose Patta was issued in 2009 under Regularization of forest encroachment rule 1993. It may be noted that the Government of India vide letter dated 31/1/95, while according to approval under Adhinyam 1980 (For diversion of 28,588.159 ha of forest land in various districts of Kerala for regularization of 1977 encroachments) had stipulated that a person in whose favour regularization of encroachment is to be done shall not be authorized to sell these areas. The State Government is requested to furnish its comments on the same.
4. The clarity on the status of land (forest/panchayat patta lands) proposed for diversion is lacking. The State Government is required to clearly provide the

status of land been proposed for the project.

5. As per to SIR of the Regional Office, there has been a change in layout plan proposed. The cross-sectional details of the project component and any change in lay out plan need to be provided along with component wise KML file
6. As per the proposal, felling of 18 number of trees is required, which are marked for felling. The details of area proposed for felling along with KML file has not been submitted.

In view of the above, it is requested to furnish aforementioned information for further processing the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

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Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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4. The User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell,FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.