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To

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

**Subject:** Proposal for renewal of diversion of 4.93 ha of forest land for Karikkayam Small Hydro Electric Project in Chittar Forest Station, Vadasserikkara Range of Ranni Forest Division in favour of M/s.Ayyappa Hydro Electric Project – reg.  
(Online Proposal No. FP/KL/HYD/19011/2016)

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government's proposal received through Parivesh vide letter No. C2/30/2022-FWLD on 04/04/2023 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 to furnish the following information/ clarification for further processing of the proposal:-

1. As per the earlier approval, FC was valid upto 27/12/2016 only. The reason for delay in submission of the proposal for renewal of FC approval may be furnished.
2. The item-wise break up of forest land required for the project is not mentioned, KML files uploaded in the online proposal for forest land proposed for renewal and CA area appears to be incorrect. The same may be re-verified and correct/proper KML files may be uploaded.
3. As per the original proposal, it was proposed to construct a weir with a height of 27 mtr. However, as per the report of DFO it is mentioned that the height of the dam in 1st stage is 42.5 mtr and height of the dam after completion of 2nd stage would be 49 mtr. It may be clarified how the user agency had deviated from the original proposal without necessary approval from Government of India. It may also be clarified whether such increase in height will result submergence of additional forest area.
4. The compliance of implementation of Catchment Area Treatment Plan may be furnished.
5. The State Government may clearly specify the tenure of renewal of diversion of forest land.

Yours faithfully,

(B.N. ANJAN KUMAR)

Asstt. Inspector General of Forest (Central)

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Copy to:-


1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Forest Department, Government of Kerala, 'Vanalakshmi', 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Forest Headquarters, Vazhuthacaud, Thiruvananthapuram, PIN- 695 014, Kerala.
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', 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Forest Headquarters, Vazhuthacaud, Thiruvananthapuram, PIN- 695 014, Kerala.
3. M/s.Ayyappa Hydro Power Limited, Karikkayam Hydro Electric Project, PO-Chittar, Pathanamthitta, Kerala – 689 663.



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Asstt. Inspector General of Forest (Central)

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11/5/2023