

Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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To

Additional Chief Secretary (Forests),
Government of Kerala
Forests and Wildlife Department
Secretariat, Thiruvananthapuram
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Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of Chief Engineer, Kerala State Electricity Board Ltd. For non-forestry use 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)- regarding

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Kerala's letter No. C3/106/2023-FWLD dated 10.03.2023 and additional information submitted on 17.04.2023 for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

In this regard, I am also directed to inform that the proposal has been examined in the ministry and after the examination it has been observed that the CIA and CCS study of River Chaliyar in Kozhikode, Kerala has not been conducted and it is not clear whether, the instant proposal is the first hydro-electric project in the river Chaliyar in Kozhikode, Kerala. The same needs to be clarified by the State Govt. for further of the instant proposal as per guidelines. It is requested to provide the details of the hydro-electric projects in the river basin along with their status for further action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. Dheeraj Mittal)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. PCCF (HoFF), Forest Department, Government of Kerala, 'Vanalakshmi, 1st

Floor, Forest Headquarters, Vazhuthacaud, Thiruvananthapuram, PIN-695014, Kerala.

2. DDGF (Central), MoEF&CC's RO Bengaluru.
3. APCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o PCCF (HoFF), Forest Department, Government of Kerala, 'Vanalakshmi', 1st Floor, Forest Headquarters, Vazhuthacaud, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala-695014.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.