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F.No.4-KLC1190/2019-BAN/ 151  
Dated the 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2019

To

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

Subject: Diversion of 18.1417 ha. of forest land for construction of IIT, Palakkad in favour of the Secretary, Higher Education Department, Govt. of Kerala.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to State Government's letter No. FWLD-C2/19/2019-FWLD dated 25/03/2019 on the subject cited above and to request to furnish the following clarification / information:-

- (i) Justification for proposing the forest land for diversion even though the project is a non site-specific project and alternatives examined.
- (ii) The land use plan of area proposed for diversion.
- (iii) Reason for categorizing the proposal as linear project.
- (iv) Compensatory Afforestation Scheme and site suitability certificate of Compensatory Afforestation area.
- (v) Comments of Chief Wildlife Warden regarding the elephant movement and elephant corridor, if any.

Yours faithfully,

(M.K. Shambhu)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Deptt, Government of Kerala, 'Vanalakshmi', 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Forest Headquarters, Vazhuthacaud, Thiruvananthapuram-695 014, Kerala.
2. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Special Afforestation) & 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. The Higher Education Secretary to Government of Kerala, Secretariat, Thiruvananthapuram -695 001. Kerala.

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