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Dated the 10<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 0.8235 ha. of forest land for De-siltation of Lower Periyar Dam as part of routine maintenance of dam reservoir in favour of M/s. Travancore Cements Ltd.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to State Government letter No. C2/02/2017/F&WLD dated 01/03/2019 on the above subject and to inform that the site inspection of the proposed area was carried out by Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central) on 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 in the presence of local Forest Officials, Representatives of KSEB and User Agency. Copy of the inspection report is enclosed for ready reference. Based on the site inspection, it is requested to furnish clarification/information on the followings:-

- (i) Whether the 0.8235 ha. of forest land proposed for diversion is part of the 127 ha. of forest land diverted earlier for the construction Lower Periyar Hydro Electric Project or it is a fresh diversion of forest land ?.
- (ii) The details of CA land provided in lieu of diversion of 127 ha. of forest land diverted earlier for the construction Lower Periyar Hydro Electric Project along with CA cost received and details of plantation taken up.
- (iii) It was learnt during the site inspection that the estimate of silt and the proposal for de-siltation was prepared prior to the floods that occurred in 2018 monsoon and lot of silt material was washed away when the dam gates were opened during last monsoon. Therefore, the actual content of silt available in the reservoir now, the need for its desiltation and the extent of desiltation required may have to be re-ascertained if need be.

Yours faithfully,

(M.K. Shambhu)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Encl: As above.

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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 Managing Director, M/s. Travancore Cements Ltd, Nattokom, Kottayam -683 013. Kerala.

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(M.K. Shambhu)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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