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Forest Headquarters, Vazhuthacaud, Thiruvananthapuram - 14

Date: 10.05.2017

From

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Special Afforestation) & Nodal Officer (Full Additional Charge) Forest Headquarters, Vazhuthacaud, Thiruvananthapuram – 695014.

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The District Collector, Thiruvananthapuram.

Sir,

Sub:- Forest Department – Total Electrification Scheme - Proposal for diversion of 0.0021 ha forest land for providing electrification of Kulathara Kaitha area in Kulathupuzha Range of Thiruvananthapuram Division – Certificate of Settlement right under Forest Rights Act 2006 - regarding.

Ref:-

- 1. Govt. letter No. C3-45/2017/F&WLD dated 26.04.2017.
- 2. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change No. F-11/9/1998-FC(pt) dated 03.08.2009, 05.02.2013 & 05.07.2013.

I am to invite your attention to the subject and reference cited above. Executive Engineer, KSEB Punalur has submitted a proposal for diversion of 0.0021 ha of forest land from Kulathupuzha Range of Thiruvananthapuram Division for electrification of Kulathara Kaitha area under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The proposal received through online mode has been forwarded to the concerned Divisional Forest Officer and District Collector for the due procedures under Forest Conservation Rules 2003 and Amendment Rules 2014. But it may seen that the required certificate regarding settlement of rights under Scheduled Tribe and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Rights) Act 2006 to be issued by District Collector has not yet furnished. As per Rule 6(3)F of Forest (Conservation) Rules 2003 and Forest Conservation)Amendment Rules 2014 every forest clearance proposals should include the certificate regarding settlement of rights of tribals under Forest

Rights act 2006 issued by District Collector concerned. As per the guideline issued by Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change vide reference 3<sup>rd</sup> cited. The above certificate is mandatory for getting approval from Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India.

As per reference 1<sup>st</sup> cited Government has directed to submit the certificate of settlement of rights under Forest Rights Act 2006 from District Collector.

Hence you are hereby requested to take urgent action to issue the above certificate as per the provisions of Forest Conservation Rules 2003 and guidelines issued hereunder. Please treat this as most urgent.

Yours faithfully,

Assistant Conservator of Forests
O/o Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Special Afforestation) & Nodal Officer

Copy to:-

- 1. Executive Engineer, KSEB Punalur for necessary action.
- 2. Chief Conservator of Forests (Southern Circle) Kollam.
- 3. Divisional Forest Officer, Thiruvananthapuram.

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