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To

The Additional Director & Head (UPC-1),
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change,
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Sir,

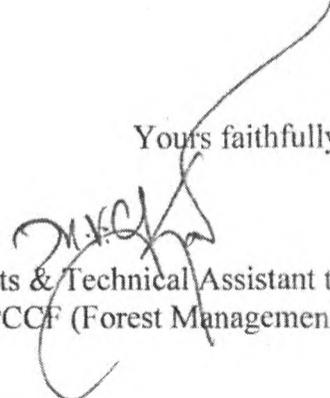
Sub:- Submission of Filled-in Proforma on Forest Fires in Compliance with
NGT Order in OA No. 425/2023 - reg.

Ref:- Communication from CPCB - No-CM-13011/38/2025-LAW-HO-
CPCB-HO dated 10.03.2025

Please find enclosed herewith the duly filled proforma containing detailed information on forest fire incidents in the State of Kerala for the year 2024, along with proposed measures and proposed budget allocations for the year 2025, as directed by the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal in its order dated 17.02.2025 in OA No.425/2023 (Deepika Khari vs. State of U.P. & Ors.). The information has been compiled in the format prescribed and is submitted herewith for further necessary action.

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully,


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Prescribed Format for Information – Forest Fire Management (Kerala)

1	Name of the State/UT	Kerala
2	Number of forest fire incidents in 2024 in the State/UT	384 incidents covering around 569 Ha.
3	Causes for the forest fires, specified separately under the categories of natural, man-made, or any other reason (the reason may be specified)	
	Natural Forest Fire	Number of Forest Fire Incidents
		Cause
	Manmade Forest Fire	Number of Forest Fire Incidents
		Cause
	Others Forest Fire	Number of Forest Fire Incidents
		Cause
4	Measures taken to remedy the damage caused by forest fires	GIS enabled Fire plan is prepared and implemented every year at all levels. There is no difference in remedying activities based on cause of the fire.
	Natural Forest Fire	Soil Moisture conservation, assisted regeneration, eco-restoration and habitat development.
	Manmade Forest Fire	Afforestation, weed removal, community-led efforts (VSS/EDC) for habitat restoration.
	Others Forest Fire	
5	Preventive measures proposed for 2025 and subsequent years	GIS enabled Fire plan is prepared and implemented every year at all levels.
	Natural Forest Fire	Risk zonation, ecological monitoring, catchment-based planning.
	Manmade Forest Fire	Community training, watcher deployment, fire line clearing, early burning.

	Others Forest Fire		Not applicable
6	Budget amount allocated for undertaking remedial measures for remedying the damage caused by forest fires during the year 2024, with details regarding the adequacy of the amount and modes of utilization		The remedying efforts are not differentiated based on the cause of fire, hence both are same.
	Natural Forest Fire, Manmade Forest Fire & other Forest fires	Total Budget Allocated	₹1200 lakhs
		Adequacy of the amount	Almost Adequate
		Mode of Utilization	Creation of firelines, control burning, VSS/EDC assistance, awareness, equipment procurement, employing local watchers for patrol and immediate response
7	Budget amount to be allocated for taking remedial measures for remedying the damage caused by forest fires during the year 2025, with details regarding the adequacy of the amount and modes of utilization		The remedying efforts are not differentiated based on the cause of fire, hence both are same.
	Natural Forest Fire, Manmade Forest Fire & other Forest fires	Total Budget to be Allocated	₹1000 lakhs
		Adequacy of the amount	Almost Adequate
		Mode of Utilization	VSS/EDC assistance, awareness, equipment procurement, employing local watchers for patrol and immediate response