

**BY SPEED POST**

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Government of India  
Ministry of Environment and Forests

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The Chairman  
Kerala State Electricity Board  
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**Subject: Showcause Notice under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 for Athirapally Hydroelectric Project (163 MW) in Kerala.**

Sir,

The Environmental Clearance to the above mentioned project was granted on 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2007. It has come to this Ministry's notice that the Primitive Kadar Tribes colony is located in the surrounding area of proposed dam site for the Athirapally Hydro Electric Project. These tribes are threatened by modern development due to the dam. In addition, it has been brought to the Ministry's notice that valuable biodiversity would be endangered on account of the project.

Now, therefore, you are hereby directed to show cause within 15 days of receipt of this Notice: (i) Why the Environmental Clearance granted to your unit should not be revoked and (ii) The direction for closure of the aforesaid project may not be issued.

Please note if no satisfactory reply is received, the Ministry shall take necessary action as deemed fit and appropriate in the circumstances of the case in terms of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

Yours faithfully,



(Dr. S. Bhowmik)  
Additional Director

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