MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 27th July, 2026

S.O. 4106(E).— The following draft notification, which the Central Government proposes to issue in exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986) is hereby published as required by sub-rule (3) of rule 5 of the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986, for the information of the public likely to be affected thereby; and notice is hereby given that the said draft notification shall be taken into consideration for publishing final notification of Western Ghats Ecologically Sensitive Area in a phased manner either state-wise or through a combined single notification on or after the expiry of a period of sixty days from the date on which copies of the Gazette of India containing this notification are made available to the public;

Any person interested in making any objections or suggestions on the proposals contained in the draft notification may forward the same in writing, for consideration of the Central Government within the period so specified to the Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jorbagh Road, Ali Ganj, New Delhi-110003, or at e-mail address: esz-mef@nic.in.

Draft notification

WHEREAS, the Western Ghats is an important geological landform on the fringe of the west coast of India and it is the origin of Godavari, Krishna, Cauvery and a number of other rivers and extends over a distance of approximately 1500 kilometre from Tapti river in the north to Kanyakumari in the south with an average elevation of more than 600 metre and traverses through six States namely Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu;

AND WHEREAS, the Western Ghats is a global biodiversity hotspot and a treasure of biological diversity and it harbours many endemic species of flowering plants, fishes, amphibians, reptiles, birds, mammals, invertebrates and others. It is also an important center of evolution of economically important domesticated plant species such as pepper, cardamom, cinnamom, mango and jackfruit;

AND WHEREAS, Western Ghats has many unique habitats which are home to a variety of endemic species of flora and fauna such as Myristica swamps, Lion tailed Macaque, Nilgiri Tahr, the Sholas, the flat-topped lateritic plateaus, and wetland and riverine ecosystems;

AND WHEREAS, UNESCO has included certain identified parts of Western Ghats in the UNESCO World Natural Heritage List because Western Ghats is a Centre of origin of many species as also home for rich endemic biodiversity and hence a cradle for biological evolution;

AND WHEREAS, the Western Ghats not only harbour rich biodiversity, but also support a population of approximately fifty million people and include areas of high human population density and therefore, there is a need to conserve and protect the unique biodiversity of Western Ghats while allowing for sustainable and inclusive development of the region. Some parts of the Western Ghats are prone to or highly susceptible to landslide hazards thus requiring special measures of protection and mitigation;

AND WHEREAS, the Ministry constituted a High-Level Working Group to study the ecology, environmental integrity and holistic development of the Western Ghats, given their rich and unique biodiversity. The group was tasked with taking a comprehensive view of the issues involved, aiming to harmonize environmental and biodiversity protection with the needs and aspirations of local and indigenous people. Additionally, the High Level Working Group was to focus on sustainable development and the environmental integrity of the region, suggesting steps and a way forward to prevent further degradation of the fragile ecology of the Western Ghats;

AND WHEREAS, the High Level Working Group had since submitted its report to the Ministry on 15th April, 2013 which was kept in the public domain seeking comments or views of concerned stakeholders and was also sent to the concerned six State Governments of the Western Ghats region namely, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu for their considered comments or views on the report;

AND WHEREAS, the High Level Working Group has identified approximately thirty-seven percent of the Western Ghats as ecologically sensitive which covers an area of 59,940 square kilometre of natural landscape of Western Ghats and represents a continuous band of natural vegetation extending over a horizontal distance of 1,500 kilometres and is spread across six states of Western Ghats region namely, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu and includes Protected Areas and World Heritage Sites of Western Ghats. High Level Working Group has also recommended prohibition or regulation of identified projects and activities in the Western Ghats Ecologically Sensitive Areas which have maximum interventionist and destructive impacts on its ecosystems;

AND WHEREAS, the Ministry vide O.M No. 1-4/2012 – RE (Pt.), dated 20th December 2013, had inter-alia sought suggestions from the State Governments on modifications in the boundary of the Ecologically Sensitive Area as identified by the High Level Working Group on the basis of physical verification;

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AND WHEREAS, the State Government of Kerala had earlier undertaken the exercise of demarcating Ecologically Sensitive Areas in the state by physical verification. The Ecologically Sensitive Area recommended by the Kerala State Government is spread over an area of 9,993.7 square kilometers, which includes 9,107 square kilometers of forest area and 886.7 square kilometers of non-forest area, and thus the Ecologically Sensitive Area in the Kerala State is 9,993.7 square kilometers, compared to the 13,108 square kilometers recommended by the High- Level Working Group;

AND WHEREAS, earlier the Ministry issued a draft notification vide S. O. No. 733 (E), dated the 10th March 2014, declaring Ecologically Sensitive Area in the Western Ghats taking into account the Ecologically Sensitive Area demarcated by Kerala Government for the State of Kerala instead of Ecologically Sensitive Area recommended by High Level Working Group for the State, while for other States of Western Ghats region the Ecologically sensitive Area recommended by the High Level Working Group was considered;

AND WHEREAS, while responding to the said draft notification number S.O. 733 (E), dated the 10th March, 2014 some of the States of Western Ghats region had sought an opportunity to undertake demarcation of Ecologically Sensitive Area by physical verification and the same was accorded by the Central Government vide letter dated the 9th June, 2014 except for the State of Kerala;

AND WHEREAS, the Central Government had convened meetings of the State Environment and Forest Ministers of the Western Ghat region on the 7th July, 2015 and Members of Parliament of Western Ghats region on the 3rd August, 2015 to review the progress of demarcation of Ecologically Sensitive Area by physical verification and also to address the apprehensions /concerns expressed by the State Governments and the various stakeholders of Western Ghats from time to time;

AND WHEREAS, the representatives of the State Governments of Western Ghats region had informed during the meeting held on the 7th July, 2015 that demarcation of Ecologically Sensitive Area by physical verification is in advanced stages of completeness; AND WHEREAS, it was resolved in both the meetings to clarify that there will be no displacement or dislocation of the local people living in habitations within the Ecologically Sensitive Areas demarcated in the Western Ghats and practicing of agriculture and plantation activity shall also not be affected due to the provisions contained in the draft notification;

AND WHEREAS, the Central Government convened a meeting with the Members of Parliament of the Western Ghats region on 11th August, 2016 and decided that the Draft Notification dated 4th September, 2015 would be the basis for further discussion to finalize it;

AND WHEREAS, the Central Government convened a meeting with concerned State Govt. representatives in the Ministry on 11th April, 2018 and decided that the Draft Notification dated 27th February, 2017 would be the basis for further discussion and accordingly the draft Notification No. S.O. 5135(E) dated 3rd October, 2018 was issued for stakeholder consultation;

AND WHEREAS, the Central Government convened meetings with concerned State Govt. representatives to discuss the draft at various forum including the highest level on 15th February, 2019; 21st May, 2020; 23rd November, 2021; and 3rd-4th December, 2021; wherein various objections, comments and suggestions were received from the State Government on the draft notification no. S.O. 5135(E) dated 3rd October, 2018;

AND WHEREAS, in order to address the issues raised by the State Governments, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change constituted a Committee vide O.M. dated the 18th April, 2022 to re-examine the suggestions of the six State Governments in a holistic manner, keeping in view the conservation aspects of the disaster prone pristine ecosystem, and the rights, privileges, needs and developmental aspirations of the region;

AND WHEREAS, the Committee observed that the time given for submission of the report of the Committee is inadequate in view of the complexity of the task and consequently the draft notification no. S.O. 5135(E) dated 3rd October, 2018 on 30th June 2022 could not attain finality;

AND WHEREAS, the Central Government and Expert Committee held meetings with Western Ghats States to discuss the 5th draft notification at various forum including the highest level on 11th July, 2022; 30th August, 2022; 17th-19th January, 2023; 17th-19th May, 2023; 1st- 6th June, 2023; 18th - 19th July, 2023; 16th- 20th August, 2023; 14th-17th October, 2023 and 26th- 28th March, 2024; wherein various objections, comments and suggestions were received from the States on this draft notification;

AND WHEREAS, the said Committee is addressing the issues raised by the States in the Western Ghats region on discrepancies or information gaps in the draft notification published vide S.O. 3072(E) dated the 6th July, 2022, on the correct names and area of villages to be included in the Ecologically Sensitive Area. The Committee is also examining the suggestions received from the State Governments;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986) and sub-rule (3) of rule 5 of the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986, the Central Government hereby notifies the Western Ghats Ecologically Sensitive Area spread across six States namely, Gujarat, Maharashtra,

Goa, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu. The state wise details of identified areas are appended in Annexure-A of this notification.

2. Boundary description of Western Ghats Ecologically Sensitive Area.— (1) The boundary descriptions of Eco-sensitive Area as recommended by High Level Working Group is as under: -

(a) The State wise map of the portion of the Eco-sensitive Area in each State excluding Kerala is appended as Annexure – B1 to B5;

(b) The State wise list of villages falling within the Eco-sensitive Area along with respective Districts and Talukas is appended as Annexure-C.

(2) The Eco-sensitive Area in the State of Kerala covers an area of 9,993.7 square kilometres, including 9,107 square kilometres of forest area and 886.7 square kilometres of non-forest area. The detailed village-wise boundary descriptions of the Eco-sensitive Area, along with its cadastral map proposed by the State Government is available on the website of the Kerala State Biodiversity Board.

3. Projects and activities to be prohibited or regulated in the Eco-sensitive Area.— (1) The following categories of projects and activities shall be prohibited in Western Ghats Eco-sensitive Area, except those proposals which have been received by Expert Appraisal Committees of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change or State Level Expert Appraisal Committees or the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authorities before the 17th April, 2013 the date on which the High Level Working Group report was uploaded on the website of the Ministry and are pending consideration and such proposals shall be dealt in accordance with the guidelines and rules in existence at that time:

a. Mining.— There shall be a complete ban on mining, quarrying and sand mining in the Ecologically Sensitive Area and all existing mines shall be phased out within five years from the date of issue of the final ESA notification or on the expiry of the existing mining lease, whichever is earlier.

(b) Thermal power plants.— No new thermal power projects or expansion of existing such plants shall be allowed in the Ecologically Sensitive Area.

(c) Industry.— All new 'Red' category of industries as specified by the Central Pollution Control Board or State Pollution Control Board from time to time, and expansion of existing such industries shall be banned.

Provided that all existing 'Red' categories of industries including health care establishments shall continue in the Ecologically Sensitive Area under the applicable rules and regulations.

(d) Building, construction, township and area development projects.— All new and expansion projects of building and construction with built up area of 20,000 square metres and above and all new and expansion townships and area development projects with an area of 50 hectares and above or with built up area of 1,50,000 square metres and above shall be prohibited but there shall be no restriction on repair or renovation of existing residential houses in the Eco-sensitive Area as per prevailing laws and regulations.

Note: All existing health care establishments may continue in Eco-sensitive Area and proposed Primary Health Centres established as per laws and regulations.

(2) The following categories of projects and activities shall be regulated as given below: - (a) Hydropower projects- New Hydropower projects shall be allowed as per the Environment Impact Assessment notification, published vide number S.O. 1533 (E), dated the 14th September, 2006, subject to the following conditions, namely: -

(i) uninterrupted ecological flow of at least thirty percent of the river flow in lean season, till a comprehensive study establishes individual baselines for each project;

(ii) a cumulative study which assesses the impact of each project on the flow pattern of the rivers and forest and biodiversity loss; and (iii) the minimum distance between one project and the other is maintained at three kilometre and not more than fifty percent of the river basin is affected at any time,

(b) The "Orange/White" category of Industries as specified by the Central Pollution Control Board or State Pollution Control Board shall be allowed with strict compliance of environmental regulations and all efforts shall be made to promote industries with low environmental impacts.

(c) In the case of activities that are covered in the schedule to the Environment Impact Assessment notification number S.O. 1533 (E), dated 14th September, 2006, published by the erstwhile Ministry of Environment and Forests and are falling in the Eco-sensitive Area, except the projects and activities which are specifically prohibited under sub-para (1) above shall be scrutinised and assessed for cumulative impacts and development needs before considering for prior environmental clearance by the Ministry under the provisions of the said notification.

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(d) In particular and without prejudice to the provisions of the relevant Acts, in cases of diversion of forest land for non-forestry purposes in the Eco- sensitive Area, all information of the project, from application stage to approval shall be placed in the public domain on the website of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and of the Forest Department of the respective States.

(e) The requirements of prior informed consent under the Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (2 of 2007) shall be complied with and the consent of Gram Sabha for undertaking projects and activities shall be mandatory.

4. Implementation and Monitoring mechanism.— (1) The responsibility for monitoring and enforcement of provisions of this notification shall be with the concerned State Governments of Western Ghats region. State Governments shall ensure putting in place the required mechanisms for effective monitoring and enforcement of restrictions in the Eco-sensitive Area and while placing such mechanisms, the State Governments shall inter alia ensure strengthening of existing regulatory institutions and processes, and participation and involvement of local communities in decision making and the details of such mechanisms shall be shared by the concerned State Governments with the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change . (2) A Decision Support and Monitoring Centre for Western Ghats shall be established by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change in collaboration with the six State Governments of the Western Ghats region which shall assess and report on the status of ecology of Western Ghats on regular basis and provide decision support facility in the implementation of the provisions of this notification and shall also facilitate mechanisms for scientific decision making and strengthening enforcement. (3) The post clearance monitoring of projects and activities allowed in the Ecologically Sensitive Area shall be carried out by the concerned State Government, State Pollution Control Board and the Regional Office of the Ministry and all projects in the Eco-sensitive Area which have been given Environmental Clearance or Forest Clearance shall be monitored at least once a year by the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

(4) All projects in the Eco-sensitive Area which have been given consent to establish or Consent to Operate under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 (6 of 1974) or the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 (14 of 1981) shall be monitored at least once in a year by the concerned State Pollution Control Board and the concerned State Governments shall prepare 'State of Health Report' in respect of Western Ghats region falling within their jurisdiction on an annual basis giving inter- alia the details of steps taken in monitoring and enforcement of provisions of this notification and make the same available in public domain.

5. Action for contravention.- In case of any contravention of the provisions of this notification, action under the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986) and other relevant statutes shall be taken accordingly.

6. The provisions in this notification shall be subject to the final orders of the court in pending litigation's.

7. The provisions of this notification shall not affect the ownership of the property in the Ecologically Sensitive Area.

[F. No. 1/04/2012-ESZ-RE]

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Annexure- A

Table: State-wise area of Western Ghats Ecologically Sensitive Area

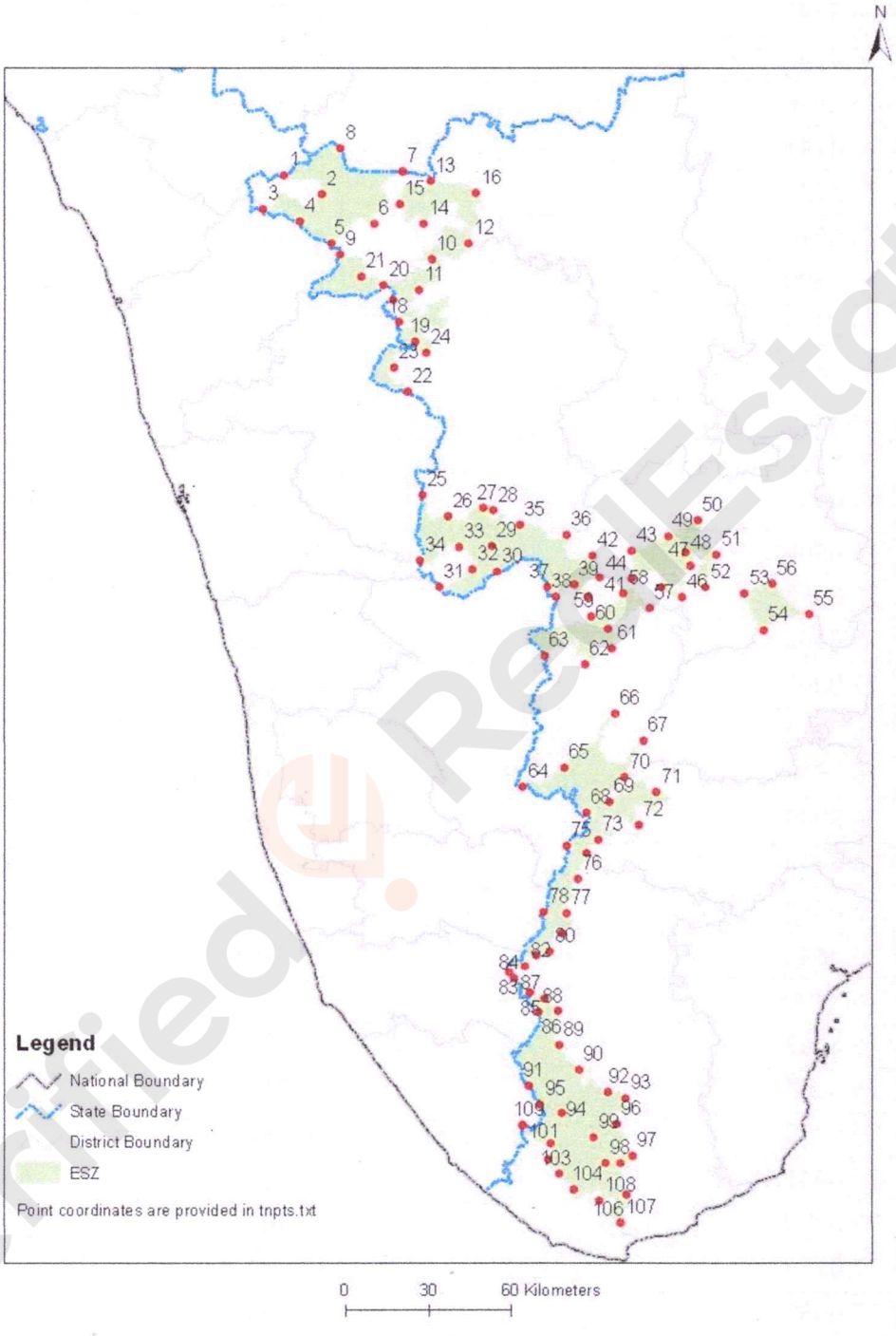
S.No.	State	Western Ghats Ecologically Sensitive Area (in square kilometre)
1.	Gujarat	449
2.	Maharashtra	17,340
3.	Goa	1,461
4.	Karnataka	20,668
5.	Tamil Nadu	6,914
6.	Kerala	9,993.7
	Total	**56,825.7**

Note: Actual area will be finalised based on the recommendation of the State, views of stakeholders and the ESA Expert Committee.

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Annexure B 5

The State-wise map of Western Ghats Ecologically Sensitive Area falling in the State of Tamil Nadu



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Geo-Coordinates of prominent points on the outer boundary of Ecologically Sensitive Area in Tamil Nadu

Point	Longitude	Latitude
1	76.3587	11.5908
2	76.484	11.5287
3	76.2936	11.4753
4	76.4141	11.4403
5	76.5232	11.3701
6	76.6616	11.4376
7	76.7509	11.6147
8	76.5443	11.6855
9	76.5505	11.3356
10	76.8576	11.3275
11	76.8158	11.2267
12	76.979	11.3812
13	76.8468	11.5823
14	76.8278	11.4419
15	76.7466	11.5029
16	77.0007	11.545
17	76.7311	11.1922
18	76.7516	11.119
19	76.8047	11.0562
20	76.6974	11.2378
21	76.6218	11.263
22	76.7846	10.8908
23	76.7399	10.9689
24	76.8442	11.0219
25	76.8403	10.5569
26	76.9277	10.4858
27	77.0441	10.517
28	77.0779	10.508
29	77.0757	10.3926
30	77.0957	10.3096
31	76.9054	10.2526
32	77.0137	10.3166
33	76.9682	10.3876
34	76.8399	10.3396
35	77.1681	10.4634
36	77.3215	10.4354
37	77.2622	10.262

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Point	Longitude	Latitude
38	77.2896	10.231
39	77.3497	10.2701
40	77.3928	10.2299
41	77.4353	10.2976
42	77.4089	10.3664
43	77.5377	10.3861
44	77.5389	10.2938
45	77.6344	10.2687
46	77.7063	10.2348
47	77.7317	10.3423
48	77.7157	10.3833
49	77.6559	10.4359
50	77.7524	10.4886
51	77.8165	10.3799
52	77.7829	10.2681
53	77.9114	10.2525
54	77.9753	10.1325
55	78.1257	10.1882
56	78.0026	10.2859
57	77.6005	10.1977
58	77.5129	10.2443
59	77.4065	10.1677
60	77.4647	10.129
61	77.4792	10.0654
62	77.3904	10.0104
63	77.2568	10.0352
64	77.1946	9.6102
65	77.3288	9.6757
66	77.4932	9.8542
67	77.5872	9.7667
68	77.4037	9.5274
69	77.4791	9.5639
70	77.5272	9.6455
71	77.6318	9.5993
72	77.5755	9.492
73	77.4443	9.4418
74	77.4065	9.3953
75	77.3412	9.4186
76	77.379	9.3137

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Point	Longitude	Latitude
77	77.3457	9.2004
78	77.2709	9.2035
79	77.3292	9.138
80	77.2939	9.076
81	77.247	9.0632
82	77.2143	9.0252
83	77.161	9.0076
84	77.1764	8.988
85	77.2291	8.9406
86	77.3238	8.8819
87	77.2808	8.9206
88	77.2584	8.878
89	77.329	8.772
90	77.3955	8.6927
91	77.2315	8.6385
92	77.494	8.6214
93	77.5498	8.6042
94	77.34	8.5533
95	77.271	8.5808
96	77.5213	8.5209
97	77.5746	8.4171
98	77.4866	8.3937
99	77.448	8.4753
100	77.3076	8.4547
101	77.215	8.5113
102	77.2993	8.4024
103	77.3391	8.3529
104	77.3883	8.303
105	77.5358	8.3922
106	77.5572	8.2926
107	77.5406	8.1984
108	77.4718	8.2709
109	77.215	8.5113

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2480	Thane	Shahapur	Piwali
2481	Thane	Shahapur	Pundhe
2482	Thane	Shahapur	Ranvihir
2483	Thane	Shahapur	Ratandhale
2484	Thane	Shahapur	Roadvahal
2485	Thane	Shahapur	Sajivali
2486	Thane	Shahapur	Sakadbav
2487	Thane	Shahapur	Sakharoli
2488	Thane	Shahapur	Sakurli
2489	Thane	Shahapur	Sane
2490	Thane	Shahapur	Saralambe
2491	Thane	Shahapur	Savaroli Bk.
2492	Thane	Shahapur	Savaroli Kh.
2493	Thane	Shahapur	Shende
2494	Thane	Shahapur	Shirol
2495	Thane	Shahapur	Susarwadi
2496	Thane	Shahapur	Taharpur
2497	Thane	Shahapur	Talwade
2498	Thane	Shahapur	Tanasa
2499	Thane	Shahapur	Tembhe
2500	Thane	Shahapur	Thune Bk.
2501	Thane	Shahapur	Umbarkhand
2502	Thane	Shahapur	Umbhrai
2503	Thane	Shahapur	Umbravane
2504	Thane	Shahapur	Vaghivali
2505	Thane	Shahapur	Vandre
2506	Thane	Shahapur	Varaskol
2507	Thane	Shahapur	Vashala Bk.
2508	Thane	Shahapur	Vashala Kh.
2509	Thane	Shahapur	Vaveghar
2510	Thane	Shahapur	Vedvahal
2511	Thane	Shahapur	Vehloli Bk.
2512	Thane	Shahapur	Vehlonde
2513	Thane	Shahapur	Veluk
2514	Thane	Shahapur	Vihigaon
2515	Thane	Shahapur	Walshet

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S. No.	District	Taluka	Village Name/Notified Forest
1	Coimbatore	Coimbatore North	Anaikatti (North)
2	Coimbatore	Coimbatore North	Anaikatti (South)
3	Coimbatore	Coimbatore North	Thadagam R.F.
4	Coimbatore	Coimbatore North	Veerapandi
5	Coimbatore	Coimbatore South	Boluvampatti (Block I)
6	Coimbatore	Coimbatore South	Booluvampatti (Block II)
7	Coimbatore	Mettupalayam	Anaikatti North R.F.
8	Coimbatore	Mettupalayam	Hulical Drug R.F.
9	Coimbatore	Mettupalayam	Jaganarai Slopes R.F.
10	Coimbatore	Mettupalayam	Kallar R.F.
11	Coimbatore	Mettupalayam	Kandiyur R.F.

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12	Coimbatore	Mettupalayam	Melur Slope R.F.
13	Coimbatore	Mettupalayam	Nellithurai and Sundapatti R.F.
14	Coimbatore	Mettupalayam	Nilgiri Eastern Slope R.F.
15	Coimbatore	Mettupalayam	Odanthurai R.F.
16	Coimbatore	Mettupalayam	Pillur Slope R.F.
17	Coimbatore	Udumalaipettai	Amaravathi R.F.
18	Coimbatore	Udumalaipettai	Amravathi R.F./Anamalai R.F.
19	Coimbatore	Udumalaipettai	Anamalai R.F.
20	Coimbatore	Udumalaipettai	Anamalai R.F.
21	Coimbatore	Udumalaipettai	Kudiraiar & Kukkal R.F.
22	Coimbatore	Udumalaipettai	Kudiraiar & Kukkal R.F.
23	Coimbatore	Udumalaipettai	Manjampatti R.F.
24	Coimbatore	Valparai	Area Under Forest
25	Coimbatore	Valparai	Area Under Forest
26	Coimbatore	Valparai	Valparai (TP)
27	Coimbatore	Valparai	Valparai (TP)
28	Coimbatore	Valparai	Valparai (TP)
29	Coimbatore	Valparai	Valparai (TP)
30	Coimbatore	Valparai	Valparai (TP)
31	Dindigul	Dindigul	Adalur
32	Dindigul	Dindigul	Erukkalmalai R.F.
33	Dindigul	Dindigul	Kannivadi (TP)
34	Dindigul	Dindigul	Kannivadi (TP)
35	Dindigul	Dindigul	Sirumalai
36	Dindigul	Kodaikanal	Adukkam
37	Dindigul	Kodaikanal	Kamanur
38	Dindigul	Kodaikanal	Kilakkuchettipatti
39	Dindigul	Kodaikanal	Kookkal
40	Dindigul	Kodaikanal	Pachalur
41	Dindigul	Kodaikanal	Periyur
42	Dindigul	Kodaikanal	Thandigudi
43	Dindigul	Kodaikanal	Vadagounchi
44	Dindigul	Kodaikanal	Vellagavi
45	Dindigul	Oddanchatram	Vadagadu
46	Kanyakumari	Agastheeswaram	Thekkumalai R.F. (West And East)
47	Kanyakumari	Kalkulam	Surulacode
48	Kanyakumari	Kalkulam	Veerapuli Extn. (Old Kulasekarapuram)
49	Kanyakumari	Kalkulam	Veerapuli R.F.
50	Kanyakumari	Kalkulam	Velimalai Forest
51	Kanyakumari	Thovala	Aralvaimozhi (TP)
52	Kanyakumari	Thovala	Asambu R.F.
53	Kanyakumari	Thovala	Asambu R.F.
54	Kanyakumari	Thovala	Azhagiapandiapuram (TP)
55	Kanyakumari	Thovala	Azhagiapandiapuram (TP)
56	Kanyakumari	Thovala	Chiramadam
57	Kanyakumari	Thovala	Poigaimalai R.F.
58	Kanyakumari	Thovala	Thadagamalai R.F.
59	Kanyakumari	Thovala	Thadagamalai R.F.
60	Kanyakumari	Thovala	Thekkumalai East

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61	Kanyakumari	Thovala	Thekkumalai West
62	Kanyakumari	Thovala	Thovala
63	Kanyakumari	Thovala	Veerapuli R.F.
64	Kanyakumari	Thovala	Velimalai R.F.
65	Kanyakumari	Vilavancode	Kilamalai R.F.
66	The Nilgiris	Coonoor	Burliyar
67	The Nilgiris	Coonoor	Coonoor
68	The Nilgiris	Gudalur	Gudalur (TP)
69	The Nilgiris	Gudalur	Mudumalai
70	The Nilgiris	Gudalur	Nellakotta
71	The Nilgiris	Gudalur	O' Valley (TP)
72	The Nilgiris	Gudalur	Srimadurai
73	The Nilgiris	Kotagiri	Aracode
74	The Nilgiris	Kotagiri	Jackanarai
75	The Nilgiris	Kotagiri	Kadinamala
76	The Nilgiris	Kotagiri	Kengarai
77	The Nilgiris	Kotagiri	Konakarai
78	The Nilgiris	Kotagiri	Nandipuram
79	The Nilgiris	Kotagiri	Nilgiri Eastern Slopes
80	The Nilgiris	Kundah	Kilkunda (TP)
81	The Nilgiris	Kundah	Kilkunda (TP)
82	The Nilgiris	Kundah	Kinnakkorai
83	The Nilgiris	Kundah	Melkundah
84	The Nilgiris	Kundah	Mulligoor
85	The Nilgiris	Panthalur	Nelliyalam (TP)
86	The Nilgiris	Udhagamandalam	Ebbanad
87	The Nilgiris	Udhagamandalam	Kukkal
88	The Nilgiris	Udhagamandalam	Masinagudi
89	The Nilgiris	Udhagamandalam	Naduvattam (TP)
90	The Nilgiris	Udhagamandalam	Sholur (TP)
91	Theni	Andipatti	Megamalai
92	Theni	Bodinayakanur	Ahamalai
93	Theni	Bodinayakanur	Bodi Hill North
94	Theni	Bodinayakanur	Kottagudi
95	Theni	Uthamapalayam	Erasakkanayackanu r Hills
96	Theni	Uthamapalayam	Highways (TP)
97	Theni	Uthamapalayam	Koothanatchiyar R.F.
98	Theni	Uthamapalayam	Melagudalur R.F.
99	Theni	Uthamapalayam	Pandarathurai R.F.
100	Theni	Uthamapalayam	Suruli R.F.
101	Theni	Uthamapalayam	Vannathiparai R.F.
102	Tirunelveli	Ambasamudram	Dharmapuramatam
103	Tirunelveli	Ambasamudram	Papanasam R.F.
104	Tirunelveli	Ambasamudram	Papanasam R.F./Manimutharu (TP)
105	Tirunelveli	Ambasamudram	Singampatti Zamindar Forest
106	Tirunelveli	Ambasamudram	Therku Viravanallur R.F.
107	Tirunelveli	Nanguneri	Kalakadu (R.F)
108	Tirunelveli	Nanguneri	Vadagarai
109	Tirunelveli	Shenkottai	Achampudur (TP)
110	Tirunelveli	Shenkottai	Achampudur (TP)

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111	Tirunelveli	Shenkottai	Achampudur (TP)
112	Tirunelveli	Shenkottai	Puliyarai R.F (Part)
113	Tirunelveli	Shenkottai	Puliyarai R.F.(Part)
114	Tirunelveli	Sivagiri	Sivagiri Reserve Forest
115	Tirunelveli	Tenkasi	Courtallam Slopes R.F.
116	Tirunelveli	Tenkasi	Kadayanallur Upper Slopes
117	Tirunelveli	Tenkasi	Kadayanallur Upper Slopes/Kambaneri Pudukudi
118	Tirunelveli	Tenkasi	Krishnapuram R.F.
119	Tirunelveli	Tenkasi	Vairavankulam R.F.
120	Virudhunagar	Rajapalayam	Kollankondan R.F.
121	Virudhunagar	Rajapalayam	Kothankulam R.F.
122	Virudhunagar	Rajapalayam	Sappaniparambu (R.F)
123	Virudhunagar	Rajapalayam	Settur R.F.
124	Virudhunagar	Rajapalayam	Settur R.F.
125	Virudhunagar	Srivilliputhur	Khansabpuram (Unnipath R.F.)
126	Virudhunagar	Srivilliputhur	Khansabpuram (Khansapuram R.F.)
127	Virudhunagar	Srivilliputhur	Pillaiyarnatham R.F.
128	Virudhunagar	Srivilliputhur	Pudupatti R.F
129	Virudhunagar	Srivilliputhur	Srivilliputtur R.F.
130	Virudhunagar	Srivilliputhur	Srivilliputtur R.F.
131	Virudhunagar	Srivilliputhur	Sundarapandiyam (R.F)
132	Virudhunagar	Srivilliputhur	Valaikkulam R.F.
133	Virudhunagar	Srivilliputhur	Valaikkulam R.F.
134	Virudhunagar	Srivilliputhur	Venkateswarapuram R.F.
135	Virudhunagar	Srivilliputhur	Venkateswarapuram R.F.

Note: *The names of the villages or talukas or distruicts are based on the information made available to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. Any error or duplicity in the name of village, detailed list of villages (district, taluka and survey numbers etc.) would be further updated based on the inputs from the State Government concerned.*

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