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**Impact of WGEEP and HLWG on Rural Housing of Western Ghats**

The dissertation titled 'Impact of WGEEP and HLWG on rural housing of Western Ghats' Is a study on the impact of prof Madhav Gadgil(Western Ghats Ecological Expert Panel) report and Dr. Kasturirangan (High Level Working Group) Report on rural housing in western Ghats in Kerala. The study is relevant on the fact that, the methods adopted for ecological preservation has a direct impact on rural housing in these regions. Literature study was based on WGEEP report and HLWG report along with relevant rules and byelaws on environmental protection. The reports provide separate delineation of ecological sensitive areas, sectoral guidelines and recommendations for ecological preservation in Western Ghats. A detailed comparative study of the reports was the primary step of the dissertation. A questionnaire was prepared out of the factors that evolved in the analysis. As the next step Udumbanoor panchayat in Idukki district was selected for the survey and the primary survey was done there. The data gathered from primary survey was analyzed based on the two reports and the census of India. Based on literature study and findings from the survey the study reached its conclusion. Through the study it is identified that the WGEEP report and HLWG report have positive and negative impacts on the rural housing in Western Ghats of Kerala. A planning based approach based on ecological preservation and eco-friendly development need to be developed for dealing with the issues.