RECOMMENDATION OF CHIEF CONSERV ATOR OF FORESTS, EASTERN CIRCLE, PALAKKAD PROPOSAL NO. FP/KL/TRANS/155551/2022

A proposal has been received by this office from Kerala State Electricity Board, Thiruvananthapuram (user agency) through Divisional Forest Officer, Nemmara for diversion of forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the purpose of "Upgradation of existing 12.5 Km of 66 KV SC line to 110 KV DC line from Kalappatty to Nemmara" for an area of 0.7922 Ha. The site was inspected by me on 30.11.2022 along with Divisional Forest Officer, Nemmara and Range Forest Officer, Alathur Range. On inspection of the site and careful examination of all the records, it was found that the land required by the user agency falls under Andazhi - Edamalakunnu Malavaram (Bit -1), VFC item No. 199/1 under Vadakkerncherry section of Alathur Range and it is for the purpose of upgradation of existing 12.5 Km of 66 KV SC line to 110 KV DC line from Kalappatty to Nemmara. The existing 66 KV substation, Nemmara was commissioned on 10.09.1976. The user agency submitted the proposal including the existing area combined with proposed area and requested for permission. On verification of the site, the proposed area falls in two contiguous bits of existing 66 KV line for an area of 0.7922 Ha. The proposed forest land is for the purpose of "Upgradation of existing 12.5 Km of 66 KV SC line to 110 KV DC line from Kalappatty to Nemmara" and the land proposed by the user agency is barest minimum and there is no other suitable alternatives the proposal is recommended for forest clearance as per the norms of MoEF & CC, Government of India.

Date : 30.11.2022

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