

Recommendation of Wildlife Warden, Peechi

Project Director (NHAI – PIU Palakkad), National Highways Authority of India under the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Government of India has applied for diversion of an extent of a 0.9984 Ha of Forest land from the protected area of Peechi-Vazhani Wildlife Sanctuary for the completion of six lane highway from Vadakkanchery in Palakkad district to Mannuthy in Thrissur district. The total extent of 0.9984 Ha required for the project lies in four bits.

The proposed land is included in the jurisdictional limits of Peechi Vazhani Wildlife Sanctuary. The Bits 1, 2 and 3 does not have any ecological importance as they are practically devoid of any natural tree vegetation. Bit 1 and 3 are parts of area leased out for rubber cultivation during 1917 to Vaniampara Rubber Company Ltd and the entire area is having rubber trees. Bit 2 also is a piece of land without any natural vegetation. Bit 4 is having natural vegetation of deciduous nature, however lies adjacent to the already diverted area and having comparatively low ecological significance. The cutting side of the bit No 3 should invariably be protected by proper engineering structures to prevent further land slips. The required area proposed is the bare minimum and would not cause much impact on the Forest eco-system. The area does not include National Park, Elephant Corridor, Tiger Reserve or Biosphere Reserve area, hence recommended.


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