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**CCF's SITE INSPECTION REPORT DATED 24-02-2022 ON PROPOSAL FOR THE DIVERSION OF FOREST LAND FOR CONSTRUCTION OF TWIN TUNNEL (2+2 LANE) WITH FOUR LINE APPROACHES (FROM EXISTING ROADS) FOR PROVIDING DIRECT CONNECTIVITY BETWEEN ANAKKAMPOIL – KALLADI – MEPPADI IN KOZHICKODE AND WAYANAD DISTRICTS OF KERALA STATE**

The land proposed for the construction of twin tunnel (2+2 lane) with four line approaches (from existing roads) for providing direct connectivity between Anakkampoil – Kalladi – Meppadi in Kozhikkode and Wayanad Districts of Kerala State is passing through the Kozhikkode division and South wayanad division inspected by me on 24-02-2022 with the Divisional forest officers and staffs.

The project road starts at Anakkampoil (11° 27' 2.04" N, 76° 6' 5.61" E) and ends at Meppady (11° 31' 20.67" N, 76° 8' 1.38" E) having total length 8.735 Km out of which 8.11 Km of the project alignment is proposed as tunnel. The total forest land required is 17.263 Ha.

**Kozhikkode Division**

- The project requires a major bridge across Iravanhipuzha at Marippuzha.
- After crossing bridge, road passed through private land for 70 Mtr. and tunnel mouth starts, the entry point is the part of vested forest.
- The forest type of the forest patch on the hillock are semi evergreen with canopy density of 50% to 75%.
- Wildlife typical of Western Ghats area are found in the forest including Elephant, Tiger, Leopard, and Gaur Etc.
- Malabar wildlife sanctuary is at a distance of 32 Km from proposed tunnel site.

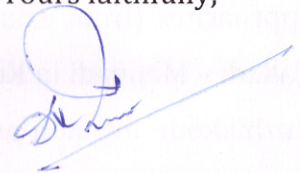
**South Wayanad Division**

- The area proposed for diversion is a part of Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve and the nature of the forest is semi evergreen deciduous type with canopy density of 25% to 50%.



- The gradients are steep on the outer portion of the hillock and prone to landslides.
- The presence of animals like Wild boar, Elephant, Tiger, Leopard, Porcupine, and Deer is reported from the area and area is home to several endemic birds.
- Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary is at a distance of 20 Km from the proposed location, Malabar Wildlife Sanctuary is located at an aerial distance of 19.96 Km from the proposed area.
- The area proposed for the diversion is not passing through National park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Designated Elephant Corridor or Tiger Reserve.
- The area proposed for the diversion is found to be barest minimum and any other alternative require more forest land.

Yours faithfully,



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