



**CCF's RECOMMENDATION REPORT ON PROPOSAL FOR DIVERSION OF FOREST
LAND FOR CONSTRUCTION OF CHERUPUZHA – KOZHICHAL HILL HIGH WAY**

The proposal for diversion of 0.64148 Ha of forest land in 3 bits falling within Kanhangad Range of Kasaragod Forest Division submitted by PWD for widening of existing road to develop the Cherupuzha – Kozhichal Hill Highway is **recommended** by the undersigned on the following grounds and conditions.

Grounds:

1. The Hill Highway is prestigious project for the state and it makes use of existing roads which are widened for execution. Hence, no fresh forest patches are cleared fragmenting the forest patches.
2. The proposed area does not form part of any protected area/heritage site/site of archaeological importance/defence establishments.
3. The requirement of land is the barest minimum.
4. No rare endangered or threatened taxa of flora and fauna are affected due to the project.
5. No displacement of families is required due to the project.

Conditions:

1. The User Agency will deposit NPV and amount for raising and maintaining 10 times the number of trees to be felled for 10 years.
2. Retaining walls or adequate engineering measures will be taken in the slope areas with rocky outcrops to prevent landslides.
3. The cost of felling, conversion and transport of trees will be borne by the User Agency.
4. Adequate protection measures will be taken by the User Agency to avoid any danger to the Maruthom tribal colony in the downhill side.
5. The User Agency shall construct the boundary pillars/ Cairns that will be damaged during the road widening works and place them at points fixed by the Forest Department at their cost.