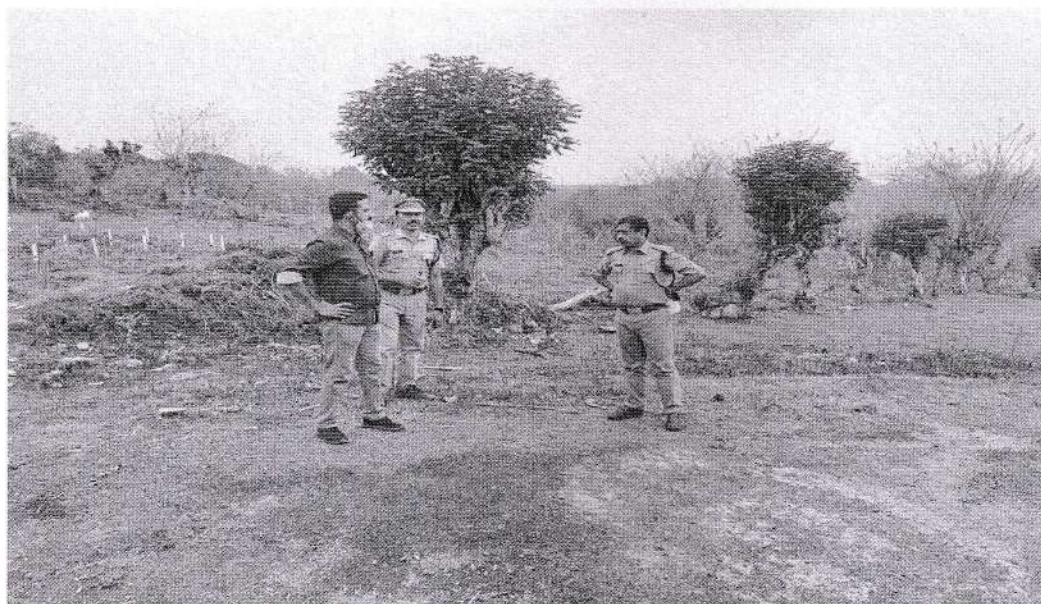


**THIRUVANANTHAPURAM-KOTTARAKKARA-KOTTAYAM-ANGAMALY GREENFIELD
HIGHWAY**

SITE INSPECTION REPORT OF DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER KOTTAYAM

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) represented by PIU Thiruvananthapuram has proposed for the diversion of 2.10 ha of forest land for the Thiruvananthapuram-Kottarakkara-Kottayam-Angamaly Greenfield Highway. The proposed road passes through the Karikkattoor Reserved Forest of Kottayam Forest Division. The land proposed has been inspected on 23.04.2022.

The proposed road enters the reserve forest from the point at about 250 m from Mukkada to Vakathanam road, passes through the land presently with the rubber board (erstwhile reserved forest not yet denotified) in North East direction. The road passes through the reserve for approximate 470 m and touches Plachery-Erumely road near Mukkada and then enters Cheruvally estate and proceed further.



The area as mentioned earlier is with rubber board with their Central nursery establishment and does not support much tree vegetation except for few Glyricidia poles. The proposed bit of land does not pass-through Wildlife Sanctuary, National Park, Elephant Corridor or Tiger Reserve.

During my inspection, it is found that the requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency is the barest minimum required for the project and is necessary for the purpose applied for. The ecological impact caused due to diversion is negligible as the proposed project is linear with a total area requirement of 2.10 ha and no large-scale tree felling is involved. Under the above circumstances, the proposal for diversion is recommended for acceptance.



**Divisional Forest Officer,
Kottayam Forest Division**