

Inspection Report

I have inspected the above forest area proposed for diversion on 05.02.2020 at Attapady along with Divisional Forest Officer, Mannarkkad and staff.

The 0.2024 Ha. Forest area included in the proposal is part of Vested Forests in Aralikonam – Kinnakkara Malavaram under Attapady Range in Mannarkkad Division. As per Section 5 of the Kerala Private Forests (Vesting and Assignment) Act 1971, the above forest are having the status Reserved Forests. Demarcation of the above forest was completed during 1977 and was notified as per notification no. 1383/1977 dated 10.10.1977. Total extent of above forests as per above notification is 8034.00 Ha. The proposed 0.2024 Ha. area for diversion falls in Sy. No. 761/114 pt of Padavayal Village and located in the Southern Boundary of the above Vested Forests with following boundaries.

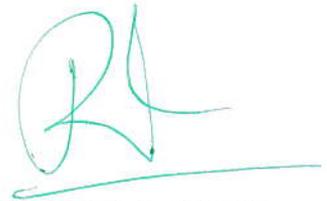
North	:	Balance forest in Aralikonam – Kinnakkara Malavaram.
East	:	Private Land
South	:	Thavalam – Mulli Road.
West	:	Balance forest in Aralikonam – Kinnakkara Malavaram.

The proposed forest area for diversion is coming under the category – Southern tropical dry deciduous forests (5A/C6) with major species as *Albizia amara*, *Acacia nilotica*, *Morinda tintoria*, *Zizyphus oenoplea* etc. There are only few scattered trees available in the area with moderate growth of various weeds. Total number of trees in

above area is 42 Nos. with average height of trees as 4 M. The proposal is for diversion of 50 cents of Forest land for construction of new Police Station at Pudur, Attapady.

Attapady area including above forest was affected Maoist activities during last three - four years. Government has accorded sanction to establish a new Police Station in this area to address above issue. Establish Police Station in this location will also strengthen protection of forests in these localities. The total forest land utilization will be only 0.2024 Ha. The requirement of Forest Land as proposed by the user agency is bare minimum for the project. No violation of Forest Conservation Act 1980 is noticed.

Hence the proposal is recommended on condition that 15 cents of land in the possession of Police Department at Kannur town shall be transferred to Kerala Forest Department for building Forest Department's establishments at Kannur.



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