Inspection Note of Chief Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle, Kannur

I have inspected the diversion proposal on 07.02.2020. The present proposal is from the Delampady Grama Panchayat intended for developing road from Balavanthadka to Pandi. In the above road, around 980m is passing through the Adoor Reserve Forest of Kasaragod Range under Kasaragod Division. The above road is the existing coupe road passing through 2012 Acacia & 1976 Mahagony plantations.

The existing coupe road from Balavanthadka to Pandi is being used by locals (around 400 families) for their commutation to the nearby town. The beneficiaries are mostly downtrodden people (Scheduled Tribes – 80 families & Scheduled Caste – 4 families) solely depends on this road and there is no any alternate route to reach town areas. The soil surface is lateritic in nature and become mud puddle during rainy season makes difficult for commutation to the local people. Hence the Grama Panchayat of Delampady came up with proposal for concreting the existing coupe road in the forest area. The total area required for the above project is around 0.294 ha (980m length X 3m width), in the existing coupe road.

This proposal does not require any tree felling, since concreting need to be done in the existing Kacha road so that it become Pacca motorable Road. Considering there is no alternate road is available for the commutation of local people and the beneficiaries are mostly the downtrodden people the project is recommended for sanction.

Chief Conservator of Forests,
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