## 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 Karadka Grama Panchayat intended for constructing road from Kottamkuzhy to ST Colony Road. In the above road, around 1000m is passing through the Karadka Reserve Forest of Kasaragod Range under Kasaragod Division. The above road is the existing coupe road mentioned in the current Working Plan of Kasaragod Division as Sl. No. 7 in the list of roads in page No. 152.

The existing coupe road (Karmamthody – Kottamkuzhy) is being used by locals for their commutation to the nearby town. The beneficiaries are mostly downtrodden people (Scheduled Tribes & Scheduled Caste) 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 Karadka came up with proposal for concreting the existing coupe road in the forest area. The total area required for the above project is around 0.30 ha (First location: 677m length X 3m width & Second location: 270m X 3m), 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.

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