

Inspection Note of Divisional Forest Officer, Kannur.

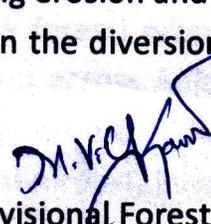
I have inspected the Reserve Forest land (Mangrove forest) proposed for diversion for the purpose of reconstruction of Chekkupalam across Anjarakandy River in Ummanchira on Thalassery-Irikkur Road. The bridge is on the Thalassery-Irikkur Road which connects places like Kannur International Airport, Pinarayi and Irikkur and will be helpful for the public. As the Kanur airport is now functional, it is necessary for this bridge to be reconstructed to accommodate traffic from Thalassery town to the airport.

This 0.1 Ha lying in RS 9/2 of Pinarayi village is requested by Assistant Engineer, Bridges, Thalassery for the construction of bridge and for necessary length of approach road. The above mentioned Reserve Forest was notified recently in 2015 as an exercise to preserve Mangrove forests in the Kannur district. It is neither a dense forested area nor any endangered species of Flora and Fauna are seen in this area. Since it is surrounded by River and very near to human inhabited areas of Pinarayi Village, It seems to be a much needed diversion.

Hence it is recommended to divert the forest land subject to the following conditions,

1. The proposed area of 0.10 Ha is a part of Reserve Forest in RS No.9/2 of Pinarayi with an extent of 0.61 Ha. The mangroves are only found along the edge of the roadside. Since the area is proposed is too small in extent and mangroves are only in a small strip, it is recommended the proposed bridge and approach road can be constructed diverting the land.
2. There are 26 Nos of various miscellaneous trees, 26 clumps of mangrove, trees and 38 Miscellaneous Mangrove trees are seen in the proposed land. Only the trees that are obstructing for the construction of road and bridge may be felled and rest of the trees may be retained as such so that some green cover remains in the road side area.

3. Bridges division shall support planting activity of mangroves for twice the area (0.20 Ha) near the bridge as it will help in stopping erosion and provide proper replacement for the ecosystem services lost in the diversion of this area.


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