Inspection Note of Divisional Forest Officer, Kannur.

I have inspected the forest land proposed for diversion for the purpose of Re-construction of Kolad Bridge across the tributary of Ancharakandy River in Ravunni Peedika Road. The bridge is on the road which connects Melur and Pinarayi area. An area of 0.03352 Ha of land requested for diversion by Asst. Engineer, PWD Bridges is laying in two side of the river. In Melur side an area of 0.0062 Ha in Survey No.196 and in Pinarayi side an area of 0.02732 Ha in Survey No.191 & 196 (including river).

This Mangrove area is notified as Reserve Forest as per Notification No. G.O (P).No.02/2015/Forest dt.15-12-2015 as Item No.59 & 60. No endangered species of flora and fauna are seen in this area. As there is no other alternative land for re-constructing the bridge and this is the only area which use the minimum forest land for the construction, I recommend to divert the forest land subject to the condition that;

- 1. Bare minimum trees may be felled for the construction.
- 2. No further destruction to the remaining forest area.

Divisional Forest Officer, Kannur.