REPORT OF CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, HIGH RANGE CIRCLE, KOTTAYAM

Inspected the area proposed for implementation of De-siltation of Lower Periyar Dam by Travancore cement Ltd on 23.11.2016. The proposed area falls within the Malayattoor Forest Reserve which is under the Neriyamangalam Range of Munnar Division. Area proposed, ie, 0.8235 Ha is the minimum required for the proposed project. The areas do not have any rare, endangered/unique species of flora and fauna. Moreover there are no protected /archeological/heritage site/defence establishment located in the area. No works in violation of Forest (Conservation) Act have been carried out in the area. Hence it is recommended to divert 0.8235 Ha of Forest land temporarily for the implementation of De-siltation of Lower Periyar Dam. The user agency should remove the de-silting materials that are proposed to dump in the said area and restore the forest land and hand it over to Forest department. Since the sediments consist sand, which is a forest produce and source of revenue, disposal of the same shall be done as per rules.

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