FIELD INSPECTION REPORT OF THE DISTRICT FOREST OFFICER, NILGIRIS FOREST DIVISION, UDHAGAMANDALAM.

The area of the proposed project has been inspected by me along with the Coonoor Town Section Forester, Coonoor Range on 03.09.2021 with the relevant records. The User Agency has requested for erection of telecommunication tower over an extent of 0.03 Ha of Forest land in Survey No: 223/2 of Coonoor Town Section, Hulical west beat, Durg Reserved Forest, Pakkasuranmalai area of Coonoor Range of Nilgiris Forest Division.

During the field inspection it is noticed that the land requested by the User Agency is 17.36m X 17.32 m over an extent of 0.03 Ha of Forest land is. The proposed forest land has already been leased out to the Tamil Nadu Tea Plantation Corporation Limited (TANTEA) Coonoor. There are 302 Nos of tea bushes and one silver oak tree The User agency assured that the tree will be protected without felling. There is no spontaneous tree growth in the proposed site. Movement of Wild animals like Indian Guar, Sambar Deer, Wild Boar, Porcupine, Barking deer and Black naped hare is recorded in the proposed area. However, mitigation measures to reduce disturbance to wild animals and manage human-wildlife conflict are required.

District Forest Officer Nilgiris Forest Division, Udhagamandalam