SITE INSPECTION REPORT OF THE CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, SOUTHERN CIRCLE, KOLLAM

Inspected the site for the project Jal Jeevan Mission Phase 2 – Mancode drinking water project on 25.05.2022 along with the Divisional Forest Officer, Punalur, Range Forest Officer, Pathanapuram and officials from the Kerala Water Authority. The area proposed for diversion as shown by the officials is having an extent of 0.1415 Ha, of which 0.1334 Ha is intended for pipe laying and 0.0081 Ha is for constructing an over head water tank. The project site is located at Mancodu area under Pathanapuram Taluk of Kollam District and forms part of Chithalvetty reserved forest. The proposed Forest area is a part of leased out area to M/s State Farming Corporation of Kerala Ltd, an autonomous body under Kerala Government for the cultivation of rubber crop. The area doesn't have any rare / endangered / threatened species and not coming under protected area. The requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency is unavoidable and bare minimum. The project is intended for providing drinking water to the local community in and around Mancode and adjoining areas of Pathanapuram Panchayath under Kollam District. During my inspection no work in violation of FC Act or guidelines are seen carried out by the user agency. The site is under rubber cultivation and there are no other Wild Flora or Fauna found in the area. The project is recommended for approval.

Place: Kollam

Date: /06/2022

Sanjayankumar, IFS

Chief Conservator of Forests (SC)