

Inspection report of the Divisional Forest Officer, Mannarkkad Forest Division
dated 08/01/2020

Sri. Shiva Vikram, IPS, District Police Chief, Palakkad had submitted an application for diversion of 0.2024 Ha (50 cents) of forest lands for establishing new Police Station. The above land is located near Cheerakkadav in Padavayal village in Mannarkkad Thaluk and locally this place is known as 70 Acre area. I have inspected the above forest area proposed for diversion today along with Deputy Ranger, Pudur Forest Station and other station staffs.

The 0.2024 Ha forest area included in the proposal is part of vested forests in Aralikonam- Kinnakkara malavaram under Attapady range in Mannarkkad Division. The ownership of above forests was vested in government as on 10/05/1971. As per section 5 of the Kerala Private Forests (Vesting and Assignment) Act, 1971, the above forests are having the status of reserved forests. Demarcation of the above forests was completed during 1977 and was notified as per notification No.1383/1977 dated 10.10.1977 . Total extend of above forests as per above notification id 8034.00 Ha. The proposed 0.2024 ha area for diversion falls in survey number 761/114 pt of Padavayal village and located in the southern boundary of the above vested forests with following boundaries:

- North : Balance forests in Aralikonam- Kinnakkara malavaram
- East : Private land
- South : Thavam – Mulli road
- West : Balance forests in Aralikonam- Kinnakkara malavaram

The proposed forest area for diversion is coming under the category- Southern tropical dry deciduous forests (5A/C6) with major species as Albizia amara, Acacia nilotica, Morinda tinctoria, Zizyphus oenoplea etc. There are only few scattered trees available in the area with moderate growth of various weeds. Total number of trees in above area is ⁴²..... Nos with average height of trees as 4 M. The proposal for diversion of forests is for construction of new Police Station. Attapady area including above forests was affected with maoist activities during last three- four years. Government has accorded sanction to establish a new Police Station in this area to address above issue. Establishing police station in this location will also strengthen protection of forests in these localities. Hence the proposal is recommended (Photographs of inspection and survey sketch of the area are attached)


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