Site Inspection Report of Chief Conservator of Forests

The site for diversion of 0.06 Ha in Ayyampilly reserved forest of Mannamangalam Station falls in Pattikkad range of Thrissur Forest Division. The site was inspected on 4.02.2020. A part of the underground pipeline of diameter 200mm has to be laid in the Ayyampilly reserve forest area utilizing 0.06 Ha of the forest land. The purpose of the pipeline is for meeting the water requirements of the Thrissur Zoological Park. Ayyampilly hill reserved forest is an isolated patch of about 10 ha area surrounded by human habitation. The area is in Kainnur village and is nearly at a distance of 10km from Thrissur town. The water supply pipeline will start from the Manali river site, which is about 2.0 km from the proposed diversion site at Ayyampilly. The well, pump house and the water supply pipeline for nearly 3km, falls in the Panchayat land. In between, an area of 0.06 Ha is required inside the reserve forest land of Ayyampilly for laying the water supply pipeline underground. The remaining portions of the water supply pipeline, over head tank, treatment and distributions system etc lies in the Zoological Park Project site for which Stage I clearance is already received

The forest area proposed to be diverted is part of 1938 Teak plantation. Presently Acacia trees are also growing interspersed with teak. The area is originally a moist deciduous forest. The reserve land is located as a small hillock with gentle slope. No tree felling is required for the Project. The area is devoid of any human habitation and does not come in the purview of any Scheduled area/protected site/Heritage site/ Archeological site. The location being an isolated patch is not an Elephant/Animal corridor. The site is devoid of tribals/forest dwellers. It is observed that no major ecological damage can occur to the site on diverting the area for laying UG pipeline and the project is recommended for diversion under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

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