

## **Recommendation of Wildlife Warden, Peechi**

The District Police Chief of Idukki District has proposed for the diversion of 0.2023 ha of forest land for the construction of Mullaperiyar Police Station in Vallakadavu Proposed Reserve at Manjumala Village of Peerimedu Taluk of Idukki District. The land lies in a single bit.

The proposed land is included in Vallakadavu Proposed Reserved Forest of Erumely Range of Kottayam Forest Division. The plot is having a south facing gentle slope. The plot is part of the grass land and does not support tree growth. In fact, the grassland present is the climax vegetation of the locality. The Vallakadavu Proposed Reserve is having a total extent of more than 100 Ha and lies adjacent to the Periyar West Division of Periyar Tiger Reserve. The area has not yet recorded the presence of large carnivores or elephant, Guar etc. The proposed plot lies at an aerial distance of 750 m from the boundary of Periyar Tiger Reserve.

The required area proposed is the bare minimum and would not cause much impact on the Forest eco-system. The proposed bit of land does not pass-through Wildlife Sanctuary, National Park, Elephant Corridor or Tiger Reserve. Hence, the proposal is recommended.

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