

Full title of the project :- Sabarimala Master Plan-CWSS to Pampa and Sabarimala- Construction of 10LL OHSR at Pampa.

File No. :- C2-3579/2021

Proposal No :- FP/KL/WATER/126847/2021

Date of Proposal :- 28.06.2021

Site Inspection report of Deputy Conservator of Forests

(For the forest land to be diverted under FCA)

A proposal has been received in this office from Assistant Executive Engineer, Kerala Water Authority, PH Sub Division, Ranni, Pathanamthitta District towards diversion (under FCA, 1980) of 0.07 Ha of forest land at Pampa for non forestry purpose. The proposal envisages the use of forest land for construction of 10 lakh litre storage capacity Over Head Service Reservoir (OHSR) at Pampa for providing drinking water to pilgrims visiting Sabarimala temple. The land proposed was inspected by me on 08/07/2021 along with Asst. Executive Engineer, PH Sub Division, Ranni and Range Forest Officer, Goodrical. On inspection of the site, it is found that the land required by the user agency is reserve forest land measuring, 0.07 Ha area, falling under notified Konni reserve.

The requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency in the proposal A-1 (VIII) of PART – (Form A) is essential and is the barest minimum required for the project. No rare, endangered, unique species of flora or fauna found in the area. No protected, archaeological/heritage site/ defence establishment or any other important monument is located in the proposed site.

The user agency has not violated any provisions of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 and no work has been commenced without sanction from competent authorities.

The present proposal No.FP/KL/WATER/126847/2021 is a project intended to provide drinking water facilities to pilgrims visiting Sabarimala Temple. The extent of forest land required for the project is only 0.07 Ha, for constructing Over Head Service Reservoir. There are no trees in the proposed site and thereby felling of trees and associated damage is not applicable. 0.07Ha is the actual forest area required to be diverted for construction of 10 lakh litre storage Over Head Service Reservoir. Since the extent of Forest land diverted is 0.07 Ha, no compensatory afforestation is required.

The proposed site at present has heaps of 'debris' deposited by the District Disaster Management Authority, Pathanamthitta. The District Disaster Management Authority had removed debris and silts from river Pampa, during June 2020 anticipating flood damage and deposited it at this land.

Considering all the matters connected with the project, I recommend to accord sanction for implementation of the project as requested by user agency, Kerala Water Authority, a Public Sector Undertaking under State Government.


Deputy Conservator of Forests