Site Inspection Report

Inspected the proposed site for installation of 40 KW Micro Hydro Electric Project at Meenvallam on 12.03.2020 along with Sri. K.K. Sunil Kumar, Divisional Forest Officer, Mannarkkad; Sri. Ashique Ali. U, Forest Range Officer and staff. The total Forest area, applied to be diverted for this project is 0.009 Ha. The present proposal is to construct an Archimedean Screw Turbine in the tail race of existing project.

As per GO (Rt) No. 30/2001/F&WLD dated 27.01.2001 an extent of 1.15 Ha. of forest area was diverted for establishing 3 MW Micro Hydro Electric Project in this area. The above project is currently functioning. The 0.009 Ha area proposed for present project lies adjoining to the above 1.15 Ha. area already diverted. Only 18 m x 5 m area (1 cent) is required for instant project. The area falls under VFC Item No. 8 in Meevallam Malavaram. The identified area is devoid of any trees.

The requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency is bare minimum for the purpose. The area is not an elephant corridor. No violation of Forest Conservation Act 1980 is noticed. Hence the proposal is recommended.

> Chief Conservator of Forests Eastern Circle, Palakkad