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CCF's RECOMMENDATION REPORT ON PROPOSAL FOR DIVERSION OF FOREST LAND FOR CONSTRUCTION OF CHECK DAM ACROSS KUPPAM RIVER AT LOWER CHEEKKAD IN UDAYAGIRI GRAMA PANCHAYATH IN KANNUR DISTRICT

The proposal for diversion of 0.48 Ha. of forest land for construction of check dam across Kuppam River at Lower Cheekkad in Udayagiri Grama Panchayath in Kannur District is **recommended** by the undersigned on the following grounds and conditions.

Grounds:

- 1. It is a drinking water scheme for marginalized community including tribals.
- 2. The project will help in water retention for wildlife also during the lean period.
- 3. The requirement of land is the barest minimum at 0.48 Ha.

Conditions:

- 1. The User Agency shall deposit NPV and amount for raising 100 tree saplings and maintaining them for 10 years.
- 2. Stones and rubbles found in the river other than those present at the spot of construction of the check dam should not be replaced from the site, as they are essential for the aquatic fauna.
- 3. The construction should not restrict the migration of aquatic fauna. Hence suitable mitigation measures like fish ladder can be included.
- 4. There should not be any damage to the nearby forest area due to the construction.

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