


Site Inspection Report of Suneel Pamidi IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests,
Northern Circle, Kannur dated 13.07.2018

I have inspected site proposed for diversion on 13.07.2018. Diversion of forest land is proposed for laying of underground gas pipe line by Gas Authority of India Ltd.

Pipe line is proposed to be laid by digging trenches of 2.5 meter width and 2 meter depth in a length of 330 m through the forest area.

It is seen in the site that the gas pipe line on either side of this isolated forest bit has been laid and permission under FC Act is essential for laying the pipeline through the forest and completing the project.

This proposed gas pipeline passes through forest bit of 20.84 ha which was handed over to Forest Department by Revenue Department in the year 1978 and section (4) notification as per Kerala Forest Act, 1961 was issued subsequently in 2017. The site is having Mahagony seedlings planted by Social Forestry Wing during 2014-15. Mahagony seedlings in the width of 10 m are to be removed for laying of this pipeline. No endangered species of flora and fauna are found in this area. The forest land proposed for diversion is bare minimum required for laying of pipeline and movement of machinery. Therefore, it is recommended to divert an extent of 0.33 ha for the purpose of gas pipeline laying project by Gas Authority of India Ltd.


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