

INSPECTION REPORT

I have inspected the proposed site on 18.05.2021 along with Sri. Sivaprasad.R, Divisional Forest Officer, Nemmara, Sri.N.T.Sibin, Range Officer, Alathur and staff. The proposed area falls under Puzhakkalidam Malavaram Vested Forest Item No.37/4 of Vadakkencherry Section under Alathur Range in Nemmara Division. The area proposed for diversion 0.3 Ha. The Forest land is required by M/s Palakkad Small Hydro Company Ltd promoted by District Panchayath, Palakkad for laying penstock pipeline for 300 m with a clearance of 10 m width. The area is a steep slope lying North-South of the proposed site of Palakuzhi Mini Hydro Electric Project. Trees species of the area includes *Painkanny*, *Kattupoola*, *Maruthu*, *Venga*, *Irul*, *Manjakadambu*, *Chadachi*. The vegetation is of dry deciduous type with a vegetation cover of 50%. 15 trees need to be felled to clear the area for laying penstock pipe.

The diversion of Vested Forest land for the project will not cause any serious ecological impact to the existing ecosystem. Hence, the proposal is recommended to be considered as per the provisions contained in the Forest Conservation Act, 1980.


Chief Conservator of Forests