Inspection Note of SHRAWAN KUMAR VERMA IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle, Kannur Dated 19.06.2018

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Journey from Kannur to Nedumpoil along with DFO Kannur and Range Officer Kottiyoor and inspected Kerala State Electricity Board (KSEB) leased land for use of Nedumpoil 66/11 KV Substation given as per G. O. (MS). No. 309/74/AD dated 14.11.1974 for period of 10 year. The extent of land is 0.113 ha in RS 53/3 at Vekkalam Village, Thalassery Taluk, Kannur District. This is isolated patch of land and not continuous to any forest boundary. After expiry of the lease period on 31.03.1984 further extension for the period of 10 years from 01.04.1984 was given vide G. O. (MS). No. 1/90 dated 03.01.1990. After this extension in the year 1990 this land was still in possession of KSEB but the formal orders were not issued. Now KSEB has applied for the lease to be extended for 99 years with effect from 01.04.1994 or perpetual lease. On inspection the following points emerged

- 1. This land does not contain any rare and endangered and endemic flora and fauna.
- 2. This land area is not important from the Archaeological/ Heritage/Defence point of view.
- 3. As per the above details the user agency (KSEB) the requirement is essential and substation already exists on the KSEB land. This land is required for further extension of the Substation.
- 4. No violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is noticed.

Since this land is already in possession of KSEB and is being used for the functioning of Sub-station which is requirement for supplying Electricity in the area of the district. Therefore it is recommended for clearance under Forest Conservation Act, 1980.

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