

Site inspection report along with the reasonability of area requested
for Diversion as per No. FP/KL/OTHERS/34142/2018

As per G.O. (MS) 255/71/Agri. dated: 10.11.1971 Government had given sanction to lease 3 acres (1.21 Ha) of reserved forest land in Triveni (Pamba) to KSRTC for a period of 5 years and the agreement to this effect was executed on 04.02.1977. Subsequently vide G.O. (MS) 10/88/F&WLD dated: 25.01.1988, the lease period was extended for a further period of 10 years.

The KSRTC Sub Station at Pamba has been operating in this reserved forest land for the last five decades as decided by the State Government. Since renewal of lease for Operating the KSRTC Sub Station in the reserved forest area at Pamba require concurrence under Forest (Conservation) Act 1980, the KSRTC was repeatedly advised to submit application for securing such concurrence by uploading fresh proposal. Thus they have uploaded proposal no. FP/KL/Others/16324/2015 and the same has been recommended.

Regarding this proposal, KSRTC have uploaded proposal no FP/KL/Others/34142/2018 for the diversion of 0.6381 Ha. (0.4051 Ha on the western side of the bus depot and 0.2330 Ha on the eastern side of the Depot). The proposal was forwarded to Divisional Forest Officer, Ranni on 09.11.2018 through the website. KSRTC used additional space beyond the area allotted to them for parking buses, on the western side of the area shown in proposal No. FP/KL/Others/16324/2015.

Now the KSRTC has requested for an area of 0.4051 Ha on the western side of the area mentioned in Proposal No. FP/KL/Others/16324/2015. KSRTC requested for a second plot on the eastern side of Bus depot having an area of 0.2330 Forest land for the purpose of Staff Canteen.

Divisional Forest Officer, Ranni inspected the proposed land and requested the KSRTC authorities to provide the need and reasonability of the extent of the land for the diversion. The same has been provided on 17/12/2018. They have requested space for Parking buses @ 70 sq.m per bus for 160 buses. This will come around 2.80 Acres. The KSRTC already runs a depot in diverted forest land of 1.21Ha near the proposed land.

It may be noted that, from November 2018 onwards KSRTC operate chain services from Nilackal Base camp to Pampa and vice versa. so there is no need of long time parking of buses at Pampa. So the allotted 3 acres land is sufficient for the chain service operations. KSRTC have been allotted sufficient area at base camp at Nilackal for operating Bus stand by Travancore Devaswom Board. In addition to that, in the current situation no private vehicles are allowed beyond the Nilackal base camp, excess buses during the peak times may be parked at the Hill Top parking area and even along the main road side during the heavy rush Makaravilakku days. They have also requested additional land for running canteen facility at Pampa. Since there are sufficient shops catering food near the Pampa KSRTC stand and Nilakkal, it will be sufficient to meet the food requirements. At Nilakkal and Pampa the

Travancore Devaswom Board is providing food to the KSRTC staff. Hence no additional area is required for the purpose.

Thus considering the current situation at Triveni-Pamba, there is no reason to provide the new two plots shown in the proposal. Moreover in the plot on the eastern side, the Forest Department has set up an information centre for the pilgrims and a Vanasree stall, this area cannot be spared anyway. Thus considering the fact that there is no reason for providing additional area the proposal is not recommended.



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