

Site Inspection Report of the Divisional Forest Officer, North Wayanad Division

Proposal No. FP/KL/ROAD/156404/2022

I have personally inspected the site on 20.07.22 along with the Range Forest Officer, Mananthavady . The proposed Road to be passed along the main road of Kuttiady to Wayanad and the proposed site is at Valanthode in Sy. No. 509 of Thondernadu village. The forest land is an Ecologically Fragile Land taken from M/S Jassim Hollow Bricks as per notification No. EFL 1- 134/06 dtd.13.05.2008 of the Custodian of Ecologically Fragile Lands. The party Filed O. A. before the Forest Tribunal, Kozhikode and the hon'ble Court decided that it is an EFL. Party Filed MFA 163/2012 and the same is still pending before the hon'ble High Court.

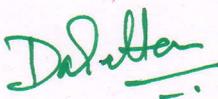
Total forest area to be diverted in North wayanad division for this project is 0.00918 Ha. There is an existing road and PWD is proposed to increase the width of the road as part of Hill Highway Scheme. User agency has marked the alignment of the road with paint in the field. Rough sketch has been prepared as per this alignment and the joint inspection of officials from User Agency and Forest Department. Range Forest Officer, Mananthavady has recommended to divert the land under Rules. As per my field inspection and verification of relevant records, it is convinced that this is a critical infrastructure project which will greatly enhance the road connectivity between Wayanad & Kozhikode Districts and benefit the local community including tribals. Thus, the project is highly essential and there is no better alternate route available. Total 25 trees, 31 poles and 4 saplings have to be cut for this project. Hence, I am recommending the project with the following conditions.

1. The Work should be carried out in an eco-friendly manner as much as possible to avoid any disturbance to wild animals.
2. User Agency may be directed to put awareness boards along the proposed road to prevent illegal waste disposal in forest areas.

Place: Mananthavady

Dt: 20.07.2022




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