

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

Proposal No. FP/KL/ROAD/156363/2022

I have personally inspected the site on 20.07.22 along with the Range Forest Officer, Peria . The proposed Road to be passed along the main road from 42nd Mile - Boys town to Varayal Station boundary. It is going through the Kooman Mala Vested forest in sy No. 5/1A of Peria village under VFC item No. 11. Total length of the road here is 170 Meter and total forest area to be diverted in North wayanad division is 0.0751 Ha. There is an existing road with average width of 8 meters. PWD is proposed to increase the width by 5 to 7 meters in one side and 2 to 4 meters in the other side. User agency has not marked the correct alignment in the field in spite of repeated requests. Hence rough sketch has been prepared as per the joint inspection of officials from User Agency and Forest Department. Range Forest Officer, Peria 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 & Kannur Districts and benefit the local community including tribals. Thus, the project is highly essential and there is no better alternate route available. Total 27 trees and 50 poles 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. Since large cutting of earth is required and the site is very steep, adequate precaution and structures such as retaining wall etc. should be taken to avoid landslide otherwise more forest land may be lost.
3. Care should be taken not to pollute the pristine river flowing along the side of the road.
4. Blasting of Rocks may be avoided and alternate methods like chemical blasting etc. may be used.

Place: Mananthavady

Dt: 20.07.2022



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