NOTE ON INSPECTION BY DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER, MALAYATTOOR ON 13.10.2022 FOR CONSTRUCTING LEADING CHANNEL AND PROVIDING DI PIPE FOR RECHARGING PUTHANKULAM UNDER F(c) ACT

Assistant Executive Engineer, IIP sub division No.II, Angamaly had submitted a proposal in Parivesh portal (FP/KL/IRRIG/153720/2022) for the construction of leading channel and providing DI pipe for recharging Puthankulam in Malayattoor Neeleswaram Panchayath. The proposed project passes through the areas of Kalady Range in Malayattoor forest division.

On 13.10.2022, I have inspected the proposed area along with the user agency. The proposed leading channel required an area of area of length 38.34m and width 2.4m (0.0092 Ha) which passes through the fire line area of 2016 Manjium bit 1 plantation of Kalady range in Malayattoor forest Division.

As per the details uploaded by the user agency the proposed area comes under the Malayattoor village in Ernakulam District. The areas proposed do not have any rare endangered/unique species of flora. Moreover, there is no protected/archeological/heritage site/defense establishment located in the area. No trees are required to be felled for this project.

The above project is for recharging Puthankulam by constructing leading channel and providing DI pipe from Chelachuvadu sluice of IIP main canal (Idamalayar Irrigation Project) for irrigation purposes. Considering the above, it is seen that the project is essential for the local people and the proposed diversion is underground pipeline and it is no way a threat to the forest and wildlife. There is no other alternative ways for this project. Hence it is recommended to divert **0.0092 Ha** of forest land for constructing leading channel and providing DI pipe for recharging Puthankulam

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