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To

The Chief Conservator of Forests,
Southern Circle, Kollam.

Sir,

Sub:- Nanniyode, Anad Grama Panchayaths - Joint Drinking Water Supply Scheme - Application for diversion of Forest Land as per Forest Conservation Act, 1980 - request - reg.

Ref:- 1) Request letter No. A2-6450/2013 dt. 26-5-2014 of Secretary, Nanniyode Grama Panchayath.
2) Report No. PR1-1869/13 dt. 03-7-2014 of Range Forest Officer, Palode.

Kind attention is invited to the references cited. The Secretary, Nanniyode Grama Panchayath submitted an application vide reference (1) for diversion of 30 cents (0.1215 Ha) of Forest Land in 78 M length and 8 M width for laying pipes and thereafter for use as a road to the site of proposed Joint Drinking Water Supply Scheme of Nanniyode and Anad Grama Panchayaths. As per the direction from this office, Range Forest Officer, Palode inspected the site and submitted a report vide reference (2).

Range Forest Officer, Palode reported that the referred area is in Chekkonam Section of Palode Range and beside the Thiruvananthapuram-Chenkottah Road and there was no road/coupe road to the project site from this road. He further reported that if diverted 30 cents (0.1215 Ha) as per the request many forest trees would have to be cut down and if diverted an area of 9.636 Cents (0.039 Ha) in 78 M length and 5 M width, no forest tree would have to be cut down and necessary action might be taken as such.

I inspected the site, in person, on 26-5-2014 and found the report of the Range Forest Officer, Palode is correct. The proposed Drinking Water Supply Scheme is beneficial to more than 64,000 people residing in both Panchayaths, including Scheduled Tribes. Also I found that in diverting an area of 0.039 Ha, in 78 M length and 5 M width, no forest tree would have to be cut down and that would serve the purpose well. I recommend that necessary action may be taken for granting diversion of 0.039 Ha as per Forest Conservation Act (1980) for the above purpose.

Yours faithfully,


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