

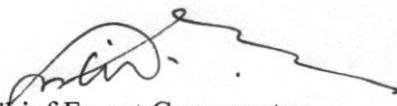
**RECOMMENDATION OF CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, HIGH RANGE
CIRCLE, KOTTAYAM**

The 0.2023Ha(50Cents) of land proposed for the Mullaperiyar Police station is part of land comprised in Sy. No.182/pt in Manjumala village of Peermade Taluk in Idukki Revenue District of Kerala state. The land comprised in SyNo.182/Part of Manjumala village is part of 106.114Ha Vallakadavu Reserve notified u/s 4 of Kerala Forest Act,1961 as per G.O(P) No.7/2017/F&WLD dated 19.09.2017 and published in the Kerala Gazette as per SRO No.576/2017 dated 22.09.2017. The settlement process of this proposed Reserve is in progress. The land was part of 1965 Eucalyptus plantation and was included in the approved working Plan of Kottayam Forest Division, even before the above notification.

This part of the Vallakadavu Reserve which is having unique importance in the environmental and ecological point of view, is grassland and is lying within 1Km from the boundary of renowned Periyar Tiger Reserve. The pinnacle vegetation of the locality is grass. Presence of large carnivores or elephants, guar etc are not noticed in this part.

The present Mullaperiyar police station is functioning partially in a portion of building owned by forest department at Dam premises which is congested and does not cater the minimum convenience required for a Police station in this modern age. The accommodation facilities for the police personnel in the Dam site are also very meagre. Majority staff of Police Station now based at Vandiperiyar which is about 15Km away from Dam site may not be adequate considering the strategic importance of Mullaperiyar Dam.

No private lands are available for the construction of Mullaperiyar Police station adjacent to the Dam site or near vicinity. More construction is not advisable within the Periyar Tiger Reserve where the Dam is situated. The extent required for the Mullaperiyar Police station in the proposed site is the least minimum required. The impact on environment and ecology due to this small scale construction is very negligible considering the benefits that can be derived from locating the Police station outside the Periyar Tiger Reserve and the Dam site and also the security benefits. Hence the proposal for diversion of 0.2023Ha land is recommended for acceptance.


Chief Forest Conservator
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