SITE INSPECTION REPORT OF CHIEF CONSERV ATOR OF FORESTS, EASTERN CIRCLE, PALAKKAD IN PROPOSAL NO. FP/KL/WATER/157203/2022

A proposal has been received by this office from the Executive Engineer, Water Supply Project Division, Kerala Water Authority, Palakkad (user agency) through Divisional Forest Officer, Palakkad for diversion of forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the purpose of "Construction of overhead storage reservoir of 10 lakhs litre capacity and lying pipeline to cover water supply of 6953 households of Parli Grama Panchayat in Palakkad Taluk" for an area of 0.05988 Ha. The site was inspected by me on 12.01.2023 along with Divisional Forest Officer, Palakkad and field staff. On inspection of the site and careful examination of all the records, it was found that the land required by the user agency is 0.059881 Ha. Out of the total area 0.0481 Ha Forest land is required for construction of overhead storage tank and 0.0009775 Ha of Forest land is required for lying pipeline and 0.02006 Ha Forest land required for pipe line junction with tank. In the proposed location no tree cutting is required.

The following facts were also recorded and confirmed during the field inspection.

- i) The requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency in Part-I of the proposal is unavoidable and barest minimum required for the project.
- ii) In the proposed area there are no rare / endangered / unique species of flora and fauna found in the area. There is no tree growth in the proposed site, hence no tree felling is required.
- iii) The proposed forest land is not a part of any protected area/ protected archaeological / heritage site / defense establishment or any other important monument is located in the area.
- iv) The user agency has not violated any provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 in the site.
- v) Specific recommendation for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal: The proposed forest land is for the purpose of "The

project envisage the use of Forest land for construction of overhead storage reservoir of 10 lakhs litres capacity and lying pipeline to cover water supply of 6953 households of Parali Grama Panchayat in Palakkad Taluk" the land proposed by the user agency is barest minimum and there is no other suitable alternatives. Considering all these factors, the proposal is recommended for forest clearance as per the norms of MoEF& CC, Government of India.

Place: Palakkad

Name: K.Vijayananthan FS

Date: 12.01.2023

Designation: Chief Conservator of Forests,

Eastern Circle, Palakkad.