

Full title of the project :- Construction of new Police station at Pampa.

File No. :- QC1-27/2022

Proposal No :- FP/KL/Others/146945/2021

Date of Proposal :- 07.09.2021

Site Inspection report of Chief Conservator of Forests

(For the forest land to be diverted under FCA)

A proposal has been received in this office on 07.01.2022 from Divisional Forest Officer Ranni via, PARIVESH Web portal towards diversion (under FCA, 1980) of 0.081 Ha of forest land at Pampa for non forestry purpose by Police Department. The proposal is for diversion of forest land for the construction of a Police Station at Pampa mainly for Sabarimala pilgrim management. The land proposed was inspected by me on 15.01.2022 along with Divisional Forest Officer Ranni and staff. On inspection of the site, it is found that the land required by the user agency is reserve forest with 0.081 Ha rectangular plot, falling under notified Konni reserve forest. Administrative jurisdiction of the said plot comes under Plappally Forest Station of Goodrical Range in Ranni Forest Division and situated opposite to KSRTC Bus Station, Pamba and near to Vanasree Eco shop & cafeteria of FDA, Ranni. There are four trees standing in the plot.

The requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency in the proposal PART –I (Form A) is essential and land requested is the barest minimum required for the project. No rare, endangered, unique species of flora or fauna found in the area. No protected, archaeological/heritage site/ defence establishment or any other important monument is located in the proposed site.

The user agency has not violated any provisions of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 and no work has been commenced without sanction from competent authorities.

Since the extent of Forest land diverted is 0.081 Ha, no compensatory afforestation is required.

200 M² area within this proposed site of 0.081 Ha is already under temporary diversion as per order No.F (C) A/11.2/KER/83/Misc dated.19.10.1997 of Government of India. Travancore Devaswom Board was using this 200 M² area for establishing temporary stalls during Sabarimala pilgrim season. Travancore Devaswom Board is auctioning 24 shops during pilgrimage season at Pamba and one among such shops (20X10 meter) for running a temporary tea stall falls in the proposed site. But this area has not been used by Travancore Devaswom Board for any utility during the last three years and hence lying unutilized. Concurrence from TDB may be sought by Police department, if such concurrence is found necessary.

Considering all the matters connected with the project, I recommend to accord sanction for implementation of the project as requested by user agency, Police Department, a State Government Department with a condition of allotting 20 cents of land to Kerala Forest Department under the possession of Police Department at Pathanamthitta (near to District Police Headquarter, Pathanamthitta) in lieu of the said diversion. The land (20 cents) is very essential for Kerala Forest Department to develop a District Forest Information facility / any similar facility which shall help in disseminating valuable information to various pilgrims, tourists and others with respect to Forest facilities /Eco tourism destinations / Timber depots / various facilitations of Kerala Forest Department in Pathanamthitta District.



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