


Recommendations of Chief Conservator of Forests, High Range Circle
Kottayam on Proposal No. FP/KL/HYD/31474/2018 For Keezharkuthu
Small Hydro-electric Project

The above project proposal is situated in Nagarampara reserve and proposal is to construct a small weir and divert water through tunnel and produce electricity in the nearby Patta land. Area of diversion is 4.9054 Ha which is detailed in inspection report of Divisional Forest Officer. After a series of discussions, area to be diverted was reduced to minimize impact on forest by reducing size of weir proposing a rope way etc. Non-forest land for compensatory afforestation is proposed in the Patta land in nearby Kaithappara settlement. Conditions of diversion already enumerated by Divisional Forest Officer are to be followed. Especially important is to ^{avoid} building ~~avoid~~ Pucca road. The project area is not near to any sanctuary or National Park or in its Eco Sensitive Zone . However the weir portion is part of a large elephant habitat and therefore no staff should be permanently housed in the area after the work is finished. The area required is minimum and compensatory land from settlement will help in the re-settlement of the Kaithappara Colony outside. The project is recommended .


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