SITE INSPECTION REPORT OF CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, EASTERN CIRCLE, PALAKKAD IN PROPOSAL NO. FP/KL/PIPE LINE/153543/2022

A proposal has been received by this office from Assistant Engineer, Minor Irrigation Section, Nilambur(user agency) through Divisional Forest Officer, Nilambur North Division for diversion of forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the purpose of "Rehabilitation of Muppini LI Scheme in Chungathara GP" for an area of 0.0077 Ha. The site was inspected by me on 23.11.2022 along with Divisional Forest Officer, Nilambur North and Range Forest Officer, Nilambur Range. On inspection of the site and careful examination of all the records, it was found that the land required by the user agency is for the purpose of laying pipeline under Muppini Lift Irrigation Scheme in Chungathara Grama Panchayath. The proposed area falls under VFC Item No. 17/10 (17.90 Ha) Palunda Bit I Vested Forest under Nilambur Range. On verification of the site, the proposed laying of pipeline is through existing coupe road on the boundary of the Vested Forest with 220 mtr length and 0.35 mtr width. There are no trees or any other vegetation seen on the site and the road is used by Department and local public. The land required is only for laying pipeline connecting the main road with 220.00 meters length and 0.35 meters width. 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.

Specific recommendation for acceptance or otherwise of the v) proposal: The proposed forest land is for the purpose of "Laying pipelines under Muppini Lift Irrigation Scheme" and 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: 23.11.2022

Designation: Chief Conservator of Forests,

Eastern Circle, Palakkad.