

SITE INSPECTION REPORT OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER, KANNUR

PROPOSAL NO.FP/KL/ROAD/156363/2022

I have inspected the site on 24-07-2022 along with the Range Forest Officer, Kottiyoor. The proposed road for the purpose of Hill Highway in Kannur district, with the stretch in forest area starts from Ashramam Junction to Boys Town in VFC Item No.68, Kottiyoor Village (Kottiyoor Range) in Kannur Forest Division. The width of the existing road is 6 Meters. The user agency has submitted proposal to increase the road width by 12 Meters. The total length of the road is 1400 Meters (including private area) and total forest area diverted in Kannur Division is 0.3539 Hectare. User Agency has not marked the correct alignment in the field inspite of repeated requests. As the road towards Boys Town, the right side is very steep in most of the areas.

This forest area is notified as Vested Forest, which is deemed to be Reserve Forest as per notification No.4713/77-B dt.08-07-1977 as Item No.68. No endangered species of Flora and Fauna are seen in this project area. I am convinced that this is an inevitable infrastructure development project which will enhance the road connection between Wayanad and Kannur Districts. As there is no alternative land for widening the existing road, this is the only way which uses the minimum forest land for the construction, I recommend to divert the above mentioned forest land subject to the condition that.,

1. Bare minimum trees may be felled for construction.
2. No further destruction to the remaining forest area
3. The right side of the road towards Boys Town (Wayanad district) is very steep, scientific protection measures should be constructed.
4. For the above reason, drainage system should be constructed only on the left side of the road.
5. The work should be carried in an eco-friendly manner as much as possible to avoid any disturbance to wild animals.



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