

**SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATION OF THE DISTRICT FOREST OFFICER, NILGIRIS
FOREST DIVISION, UDHAGAMANDALAM.**

The User Agency Joint Director, Health Department Udhagamandalam submitted proposal requesting diversion of 25 acres of Forest land (Wenlockdowns Reserve Forests) for establishment of new Medical College as per Government Order Ms.No.372 Revenue and Disaster Management Department Land disposal Wing LD4(1) Section dated 11.10.2019.

The applicant requested 25 acres of land in Old Survey.No.168 Part and 33. The New Survey.No is 228/1 as per available records in the Forest and Revenue Department.

The Government Order directs to transfer 25 acres of land in Survey No.228/1 in Udhagamandalam Rural Village. The survey No.228/1 comprises of 272.36 acres as per Forest Department records. It was transferred to Hindustan photo Films Manufacturing Limited Company as per G.O.Ms.No.5210 Industry Labour and Co-operation Department dated 28.08.1961.

During inspection of the proposed land on 19.11.2019, it is observed that there is no spontaneous growth having value from the point of endemism and Biodiversity. The site is an eucalyptus plantation, it does not appear to be a core habitat of any resident Wildlife population worthy of particular mention. However, as the proposed land is contiguous to Reserve Forest, Wildlife movement is said to occur in the area,

A thorough compound wall of above ten feet height shall be constructed all along the Medical college campus to avoid Man-animal conflicts in future. No commercial entities like hotels, shops, petty venders, restaurants shall be allowed around the campus. Solid waste disposal, drainage system should be towards non-forest land. The Reserve Forest adjacent to proposed site should not be polluted by any means at any cost. The Ooty-Gudalur highway shall remain the main access road to the proposed site, whereas the old Pykara road passing through the Reserve Forest will not be allowed for vehicle movement. The main entrance and the building front side to be designed facing East directions that is towards Ooty-Gudalur National Highway side. The college building rear side shall face towards the Reserve Forests. Such design will reduce the public interface with the forest and the Wildlife movement will not be disturbed. The chances of Man-animal conflicts would be minimum.

If complied with the above, there is no objection from Forest and Wildlife perspective and the project is recommended in the interest people of Nilgiris District and the tourists as well.


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