


Site Inspection Report of Divisional Forest Officer

I have inspected the project area on 17.12.2021 and found that around 460m length of the line is passing through forest area of Neriamangalam Reserve under Kothamangalam range under Kothamangalam Forest Division. It is understood from the Gazette vol. LXXIII. Dated 11.02.1936 and Vol LXXVIII dated 03.12.1940, a request for right of way for 150ft was provided as the line is in existence from then onwards. As per the field visit and reply of the queries by User Agency on 19.10.2021, 17.11.2021 and 09.12.2021, the width of the existing line is 18 metres and KML as requested has been provided for the entire Kothamangalam Division area, and the proposed and existing alignment with respect to the 460 metres have been provided separately. As the proposed line is shifted to the right by 2m towards the adjacent Pallivasal-Kothamangalam line which passes parallel to the proposed upgraded line. So for the proposed upgradation of the existing line, no new diversion of forest land is required. The central line is shifted 2m towards the Pallivasal Kothamangalam line and hence the left end is at the present line passing through and the right end is 4m shifted but within the RoW provided as per the submitted documents.

On enquiry no alternative alignment are found as this is upgradation of existing line and no new diversion is required as per the act. The entire 468 metre is above a rocky and steep terrain and hence no loss of trees as no new diversion and it is seen not to affect the wildlife present in these areas. The project also proposes higher elevation line and will be beneficial from the present line which could be dangerous if slacking happens. The increased capacity of the line will help transmit extra power generated from the Pallivasal area to Aluva and other important habitations. Hence the proposal with respect to Kothamangalam Division area is recommended.


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