

SITE INSPECTION REPORT

Inspected the site on 22.08.2019 along with Range Forest officer, Palode and Assistant Executive Engineer, PWD Roads Sub Division, Nedumangadu. The Forest area proposed for diversion falls in Palode reserve of Ponmudi Forest Section of Palode Range under Thiruvananthapuram Forest Division. The forest area is at the "Y" junction at Ponmudi along the side of PWD road where the buses from KTDC area cannot turn smoothly towards upper sanatorium due to which widening of road at this portion is seen necessary. It is seen that an extent with a length of 60m of reserve forest adjoining to road with 3m width at 10m from both ends tapering to zero width at the end points is the proposed area. The area falls in GPS point of N 84533.8E77654.9. The possibility of soil erosion/land slide expected due to loosening of soil of this sloppy area should be prevented by erecting retaining wall of suitable height after the widening by user agency. The area proposed for diversion does not carry much tree growth except two wild tea trees (*Camelia Sinensis*) with GBH of 83 cm and 70cm. The proposal is recommended as per the provision contained in Forest Conservation Act, 1980 with the condition that user agency must construct retaining wall of suitable height along with the length of forest to be diverted for the widening of road (Total extent 200m²).




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