

**SITE INSPECTION REPORT OF CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, EASTERN
CIRCLE, PALAKKAD IN PROPOSAL NO.
FP/KL/OTHERS/145600/2021**

A proposal has been received by this office from Nelliampathy Grama Panchayat (user agency) through Divisional Forest Officer, Nemmara for diversion of forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the purpose of "Constructing telephone tower to provide internet connectivity to tribal villages in Nelliampathy Hills" for an area of 0.032262 Ha. The site was inspected by me on 17.01.2022 along with Divisional Forest Officer, Nemmara and Range Forest Officer, Nelliampathy 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 constructing telephone tower to provide internet connectivity to tribal villages in Nelliampathy Hills as a part of implementing online education project. The proposed area falls under Chandramala tea estate and Puliampara area of Nelliampathy Forest Station of Nelliampathy Range. The proposed area is leased out area to tea cultivation. On verification of the site, the area is covered with grass with no vegetation in the proposed site covered with tea plantations. The land required is only for erecting telephone tower with 18.00 meters length and 18.0 meters width in elevated portion. 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.

- v) Specific recommendation for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal: The proposed forest land is for the purpose of "Constructing telephone tower to provide internet connectivity to tribal villages in Nelliampathy Hills" 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 IFS

Date : 25.01.2022

Designation : Chief Conservator of Forests,
Eastern Circle, Palakkad.