## RECOMMENDATION OF CHIEF CONSERV ATOR OF FORESTS, EASTERN CIRCLE, PALAKKAD PROPOSAL NO. FP/KL/OTHERS/145600/2021

A proposal has been received by this office from Nelliyampathy 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 Nelliyampathy 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, Nelliyampathy 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 Nelliyampathy Hills as a part of implementing online education project. The proposed area falls under Chandramala Tea Estate and Puliyampara area of Nelliyampathy Forest Station of Nelliyampathy 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 proposed forest land is for the purpose of "Constructing telephone tower to provide internet connectivity to tribal villages in Nelliyampathy Hills" the land proposed by the user agency is barest minimum and there is no other suitable alternatives the proposal is recommended for forest clearance as per the norms of MoEF & CC, Government of India.

Date: 25.01.2022

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