Site Inspection Report of Wildlife Warden

I have inspected the site on 31/05/2018 along with Asst. Wildlife Warden, Neyyar Wildlife Sanctuary. The proposed bridge is to be constructed at Kumbichalkadavu across Neyyar Reservoir in Neyyar Wildlife Sanctuary. The size of the bridge is 253.4m x 11m. The 100m approach at Puravimala side is also included in the diversion proposal. Hence forest area required for the project is 0.39 Ha and is the least minimum required for the project. But the area proposed by user agency is 0.21Ha. Only the pillars of the bridge are to be erected in the Neyyar Reservoir. The bridge will provide vehicular traffic to about 400 families of 11 tribal settlements on other bank of Neyyar Reservoir. At present there is a ferry operating in the reservoir and it is very difficult to operate the same during rainy season. This is the only way to connect the people outside. Also a number of causalities have been occurred here even causing death of a school children. Klamala-I section office of Neyyar Wildlife Sanctuary is also functioning on the other bank of the reservoir. This bridge is very much useful for the department also. Hence this proposal is recommended for forest clearance.

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