Recommendation of Wayand Cable Car Rope way Project

The project is for a cable car rope way by which the user agency proposes to connect Wayanad and Kozhikode District by Cable Car. This project can reduce the traffic of Wayanad Churam road from Adivaram to Lakkidi. In this road about 8 K M distance runs through the forest area. The existing Thamarassery Churam road (NH 616) is having heavy traffic load. Widening of this road is possible only with the diversion of forest land, and also in some areas it may not be possible because of this land conditions. So installing this rope way may reduce traffic load in this road, which will positively effect the nature and ecology of the area. It is an eco-friendly, comfortable transportation to cover a distance of 12 Km from Adivaram of Kozhikode to Lakkidi of Wayanad District (which about 8 KM comes under Forest area) reduces to 3.12 KM.

This proposed ropeway passes through the forest of Kanalad section of Thamarassery range, a linear area of 3.12 km length and 10 M width is required for this project which goes to a total extent of 1.77 km x 0.10 m width, ie. 1.77 Ha. in forest area.

Being an over head project this project will not disturb forest area, except for its pillars.

1.77 km of car cable rope way runs through the forest area of Kozhikode and South Wayanad Divisions. The first tower stands at Vythiri of South Wayanad Division , and ends at Adivaram of Kozhikode. The end (lower) portion is in private area falling under Kozhikode Division .

The proposal is to divert 1.77 Ha of forest for the construction of Wayanad ropeway is recommended based on the following grounds and conditions

Grounds

- 1. The proposed area for diversion is the barest minimum.
- 2. There is not any better alternative for the project.
- 3. The area is not part of any protected area ,defense establishment, archaeological site or heritage site.
- 4. The rope way would essentially reduce the traffic congestion along the ghat way
- 5. Rope way can also act as emergency evocation network.
- 6. The Project does not adversely affect the flora and fauna of the area.

Conditions

- 1. The user agency shall pay the compensatory levies and transfer the required CA land.
- 2. The user agency shall provide vehicles and tools for the RRT facility to mitigate human wildlife conflict at project cost.
- 3. 10% of the income generated from the ropeway traffic starting from Kozhikode shall be provided to the Kozhikode FDA for mitigating the adverse effects of ropeway project if any.

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