

**Report of Inspection of the Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Wayanad North Forest Division of the Revenue Land in Survey
No. 622 at Valaramkunnu in Vellamunda Village in Wayanad
District, Kerala.**


The Revenue land at Vellaramkunnu in survey number 622 of Vellamunda village within the jurisdiction of Mananthavady Forest Range in Wayanad North Forest Division was inspected on 21.12.2019 along with the Range Forest Officer, Mananthavady and field staff. It is understood from the revenue records that originally the survey number 622 of Vellamunda village consisted of 956.81 acres of revenue land. Out of the above extent, substantial part was assigned to private persons by the Revenue Department. Now the remaining land with the Revenue Department is about 133 hectares.

This area lies at an altitude of 2060 meters above sea level. The terrain is hilly and the vegetation is predominantly of grass with rock out-crops in many places. Forests of South Wayanad Forest Division and Kozhikode Forest Division lie in the south of this land. Forests of Wayanad North Division lie in the western and eastern boundaries. Revenue land lies in the northern part of this land.

Since the area is predominantly grass land, annual fire breaks out in this area which spreads in to the adjoining forests and cause substantial damage. It is imperative that this land is managed by the Forest Department as forest for maintaining ecological balance of this hilly terrain.

There is not much scope of tree planting in this area. Many seasonal streams originate from this area. Activities like gully plugging, contour bunding, planting of grass species etc together with fire protection works can be taken up in this land.

This land is recommended as non-forest land for compensatory afforestation in lieu of 57 hectares of forest land diverted for establishing the Elephant Rehabilitation Center at Kottoor in Thiruvananthapuram District.


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