

## **JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING THE PROJECT IN FOREST AREA**

Palakkad District consist of four subdivisions namely Palakkad, Alathur, Shoranur and Agali. Agali subdivision in terms of geographical area is the biggest subdivision in the district and it is also considered that it is bigger than district of Alapuzha. Currently there are only two police stations in this subdivision namely Agali PS and Sholayur PS. In this subdivision there are three panchayaths namely Agali, Sholayur and Pudur, of which Pudur is the biggest. Palakkad district is one of the three SRE districts in the state of Kerala. Agali Sub division is severely affected by LWE. Recently there was an incident where in four members of Bhavani Dalam were neutralized in exchange of fire with police within the limits of Pudur Panchayath. In this scenario the security threat for Police, Forest and Revenue Officials continue to grow.

With only two police stations the response time to any incident usually runs in hours. In this scenario the proposed Police station at Pudur will not only help the locals with their basic policing needs who now have to spend money and hours of valuable time in reaching Agali PS but it will also prove crucial in deterring the role of LWE in and around Pudur area.

With opening of Pudur Police station huge impetus will be given to gathering of intelligence which is most vital in fight against LWE. The response time will be cut short. This Police station is also essential for properly implementing Government schemes by various department fearlessly. Hence the currently proposed location is apt for Pudur Police station. So the use of forestland for the project is unavoidable.



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