Justification for locating the project in Forest land
KIIFB - Hill Highway roads in Nilambur and Eranad LAC's in Malappuram District

Hill Highway project , one of the prestigious projects of Kerala Government is expected to form a North-South connectivity of the state through the eastern hilly portions of the state connecting 9 districts for a length of 1267.00Km. The project is funded by KIIFB as per Budget Speech 2017-18 with a total financial outlay of 3500 Crores. Malappuram is one of the districts included in the project. The road passes through Nilambur and Eranad LAC's. Total length of Hill Highway in Malappuram district is Km including the main alignment and loop alignment.

Right of way width proposed for Hill highway is 12.00m and Local Self Governing Bodies have agreed to get free surrender of the land from side by land owners where this minimum width is not available.

Main alignment of the project connects Malappuram and Wayanad districts. The stretch of road from Munderi seed farm gate to Aranappuzha is now a missing link passing through dense forest and is part of ecological fragile zone. As part of this project, work upto Munderi seed farm is in progress and at some stretches the road shares boundary with forest in Nilambur, Vazhikadavu range and Chungathara, Pothukal Villages.

Due to the missing link in main alignment of Hill highway, loop road connecting Malappuram and Kozhikode is proposed. This road passes through Akampadam, Pullippadam and Vettilappara villages. In order to develop the road to Hill Highway standards, additional land has to be obtained from forest as at locations, the road shares boundaries with forest and in some other locations, the existing road passes through forest.

Hill Highway can be made possible only if land required is obtained from Forest land as the alignment passes through these stretches and there is no other alternative other than getting Forest land. The application for obtaining forest land is now submitted in this situation and request that favourable orders may please be taken in this regard.

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