

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

A close scrutiny of the proposal, it could be observed that the requirement of forest land is the land along the sides of the river course. KSEBL had initially formulated the project proposal assuming that the legal status of river course with sides as Revenue Land as both sides of the river are presently occupied and cultivated by private parties. Similarly streams were also assumed as Revenue Land. Based on the discussion with Divisional Forest Officer, Kozhikode it was informed that the legal status of the land covered as river bed and streams are “ Forest Land” and the private parties have encroached the forest land now under cultivation.

Hence it could well be observed that the requirement of forest land is the river course and KSEBL has proposed a trench type weir so as to avoid any submergence of forest land thereby limiting the requirement of forest land to the bare minimum.