

## SITE INSPECTION REPORT

I have inspected the proposed area on 13/10/2015 wherein M/s Kochi Salem Pipeline Private Limited (a Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited & Indian Oil Corporation Limited Joint Venture) has applied for permission to lay their proposed LPG pipeline along with OFC from Kochi to Palakkad for a length of 230 meter and width of 6 meter passing through reserved forests. Sri. Jayasankar, S., Asst. Conservator of Forests & T.A.(E.C.), Sri. Sasikumar, M., Section Forest Officer, Vadakkanchery Section, Sri. Sivan, K., and Sri. Rijesh, Beat Forest Officers, Vizhumala Beat were also present at the time of inspection.

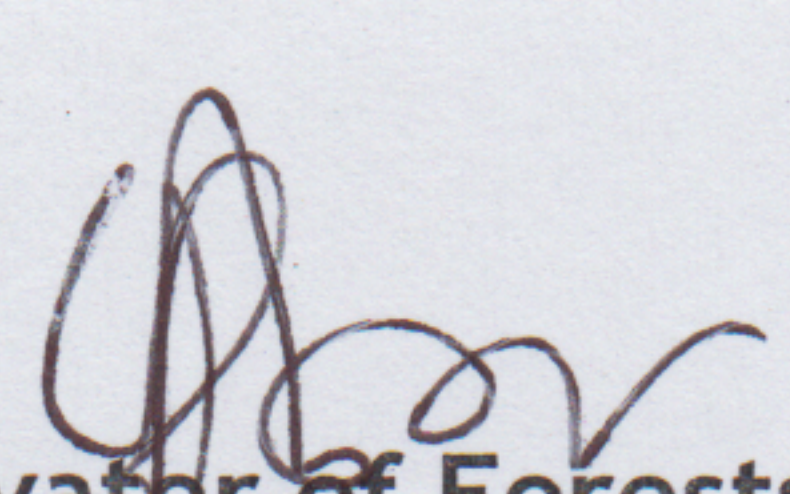
This proposal is submitted for diversion of the above 0.138 Ha Reserve Forest area from Nemmara Forest Division. The length of pipeline passing through forests include 2 stretches i.e. 118 mtr. and 112 mtr. through Vellaparakunnu Malavaram (notified vested forest under Vadakkanchery section of Alathur Range at Kavassery Village VFC item (New item No. 10)).

The proposed extent is for laying of LPG pipeline along with OFC and no tree felling is required. It would not in any manner affect any of the endangered species of flora and fauna. The proposed length is a stretch of forest land devoid of tree growth. Further, there is already a line in existence through the patch and the present proposal is only for laying an additional line by the side of the existing one.

It is also pertinent to note that the said line is proposed at the a depth of maximum of 2 meter from the surface and as such wouldn't cause any hardship to any of the fauna.

Therefore, I am in full agreement with the opinion of the Divisional Forest Officer, Nemmara that the proposal may be allowed as it doesn't hamper the ecology of the region.

The requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency is unavoidable and is the barest minimum for the project. In view of above, the proposal is submitted to higher-ups for necessary action.

  
Chief Conservator of Forests  
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