

## SITE INSPECTION REPORT OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER, THRISSUR

I have inspected the proposed area on 19/08/2015. The particular land is already diverted for the purpose of laying cross country petroleum pipeline by M/s Petronet CCK in the year 2001 vide letter no F(C)A/11.2/99/KER/MISC/3585 dated 15.02.2001 from the Deputy Conservator of Forests, MoEF, Regional Office, Bangalore.

M/s Kochi Salem Pipeline Private Limited has applied for seeking permission to lay their proposed LPG pipeline along with OFC from Kochi to Palakkad through the same route for a length of 241 meter and width of 6 meter passing through reserved forests. The entire length is passing through Kuthiran Section of Paravattani mala notified RF falling under Vaniyampara Station of Pattikkad Range under this division. About 0.1446 Ha of forest land of Thrissur division has to be utilised for the proposed project which is already diverted for the use of M/s Petronet CCK way back in 2001 by the Forest Department. This proposal is submitted for diversion of the above 0.1446 Ha Reserve Forest area from Thrissur Forest Division.

The above proposed 0.1446 Ha of land is for laying of LPG pipeline along with OFC and no tree felling is required. Also this does not involve any endangered species of flora and fauna. The adjoining forest type is reserved forest of moist deciduous category with 0.5 to 0.7 density. The proposed area for diversion is passing predominantly through hilly terrain with undergrowth of species like Helicteres isora, Mimosa invisa, Lantana camera, Eupatorium odoratum etc. The proposed area is a stretch of forest land devoid of tree growth, running parallel to EHT line of M/s Powergrid Corporation from Madakkathara. The forest land on either side consists of species like Tectona grandis, Macaranga peltata, Terminalia paniculata, Tetrameles nudiflora, Bambusa spp etc and is having a density of 0.5 to 0.7. The proposed area is a linear stretch of reserved forest and is not passing through national park, wildlife sanctuary, elephant corridor or tiger reserve. However, the area falls within 10 km radius from the boundary of Peechi Wildlife Sanctuary.

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 recommended for acceptance as the pipeline is passing through a forestland which is already diverted and is using barest minimum extent.



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