

SITE INSPECTION REPORT OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER,
NEMMARA

I have inspected the proposed area on 31/08/2015. 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 230 meter and width of 6 meter passing through reserved forests. The entire length is passing through 2 stretches in the same malavaram under this Division as below:

- 1) 118 meter through Vellapparakunnu malavaram, notified Vested Forest falling under Vadakkanchery Section of Alathur range at Kavassery Village.
- 2) 112 meter through Vellapparakunnu malavaram, notified Vested Forest falling under Vadakkanchery Section of Alathur range at Kavassery Village.

About 0.138 Ha of forest land of Nemmara 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 0.138 Ha Reserve Forest area from Nemmara Forest Division.

The above proposed 0.138 Ha of land is for laying of LPG pipeline along with OFC and involves no tree felling. The Vellapparakunnu Malavaram (New item) having an extent of 80 ha is having deciduous forests and open grasslands. The proposed area for diversion is passing predominantly through plains and area with fewer slopes and is thus not prone to soil erosion. The proposed area is devoid of tree growth and is mainly covered with weeds like Lantana and Eupatorium. The forest land near to the proposed area consists of species like *Tectona grandis* , *Bombax ceiba*, *Macaranga peltata*, *Bambusa* spp etc and is having a density of 0.3 to 0.7. The proposed area is a linear stretch of vested forest and is not passing through national park, wildlife sanctuary, elephant corridor or tiger reserve.

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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