

SITE INSPECTION REPORT OF THE CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS (WILDLIFE), NORTHERN REGION, PALAKKAD

I have inspected part of the proposed project area wherein M/s Kochi Salem Pipeline Private Limited (A joint venture between Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited and Indian Oil Corporation Limited) has applied for permission to lay their proposed LPG pipeline along with Optical Fibre Cable from Kochi to Palakkad for a length of 792.6 meter and width of 6 meter passing through Peechi Wild Life Sanctuary. The entire length is passing through 4 stretches under this division as below.

1. 67 mtr. Through Occupied forest land in Vellani Section of Parvattani mala notified RF falling under Vellani Station of Peechi Vazhani Wildlife Sanctuary near Irumbupalam, Kuthiraan.
2. 335 mtr through Catchment area Peechi dam leased to irrigation department in Vellani Section of Parvattani mala notified RF falling under Vellani Station of Peechi Vazhani Wildlife Sanctuary near Irumbupalam, Kuthiraan.
3. 243 mtr through occupied forest land in Vellani Section of Parvattani mala notified RF falling under Vellani Station of Peechi Vazhani WLS at Vaniyampara.
4. 147.6 mtr through RF Vellani Section of Parvattani mala notified RF falling under Vellani Station of Peechi Vazhani WLS at Vaniyampara.

About 0.4754 Ha of Forest land of Peechi Division has to be utilized for the proposed project which is already diverted for the use of M/s Petronet CCK (Cochin Coimbatore Karur) Limited (a joint venture between BPCL & Petronet India Limited) way back in 2001 by the Forest Department. This proposal is submitted for diversion of the above 0.4754 Ha Reserve Forest area from Peechi Forest Division.

Since the proposal doesn't involve any fresh diversion of forest land, the proposal is recommended. However since it is for a new activity other than for which the land was diverted in 2001, this proposal has to be treated as a fresh one and the project proponent may seek all necessary clearance under the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 (including forest and wildlife clearances) as per the existing procedures



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