SITE INSPECTION REPORT

Inspected the site proposed for constructing Police Station at Ponmudi on 21.10.2016. The proposed area for diversion is 50 cents (ie. 0.202343 Ha) in Thennur Village under Survey No. 4003/8 of Palode Reserve at Ponmudi in Palode Range of Thiruvananthapuram Division. The status of Forests is Reserve Forests (1979 pine plantation) as per the working plan. Various types of tree species are found in the land. Type and numbers of the trees are described below. There are Pine trees-15 Nos, Acacia-48 Nos, Casuarina equisetifolia (Kattadi)- 7 Nos, Carissa carandas -2 Nos, Durio exarillatus-1 No, Syzygium cumini (Njaval)-1 No., Blochidion zeylanitum (Kambili)-1 No., Cinnamomum malabatrum-1 No. All these are inferior species fetching low value only. No damage will be caused to Forests and Wildlife by constructing the station building at Ponmudi.

The Forest land upto 1 Hactre can be diverted for security purpose as per guidelines for diversion of forest land for non-forest purposes under the Forest (Conservation) Act 1980- General approval under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 vide letter No. F. No. II-9/98-FC dt. 13.02.2014 of Ministry of Environment and Forests. Hence I recommend to accept the proposal for diversion of 50 cents (0.202343 Ha) of land for the construction of police station at Ponmudi.

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