

SITE INSPECTION REPORT

Inspected the site proposed for constructing bridge across Achencovil River at Avanippara Tribal settlement colony in Mannarappara Range on 25-03-2016. Avanippara tribal settlement colony is an isolated location, which is surrounded by the Achencovil Reserve Forest on all the three sides. The only access to colony from the outside is by crossing the river, for which there is no other pucca facility available. Now the people including students and patients in the colony come to the town like Konny and Punalur by using a bamboo raft for crossing the river. During monsoon season it is very difficult and crossing the river by using bamboo raft is very risky.

The proposal is to construct bridge with 3 spans of 20.06mtr. Length and 3.00 mtr. Width. The extent of land diversion is 0.0243 Ha. 33 ST families of poor people will be benefited from this project. This is the only option available to implement this project. There are no other viable alternatives. Since it is across the Achencovil River, no felling of trees is involved. No damage will be caused to Forest and Wildlife by constructing the bridge. If permitted this will not only provide basic amenities to the residents of the fringe but also ensure their participation in forest protection. The educational, economic and social status of the people will be positively influenced due to construction of the bridge and hence the proposal is recommended.


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