

**Site inspection report of the Chief Conservator of Forests,
Southern Circle, Kollam**

I had inspected the proposed site for the construction of bridge to Avanippara tribal settlement with Divisional Forest Officer, Konni and local staff on 30.07.2016. The forest area proposed for diversion is 0.0243 ha.

Avanippara tribal settlement is an isolated colony in the midst of Achencoil reserve forest on the banks of Achencoil river in Konni division. The colony can be accessed from Mannarappara – Achencoil road only by crossing the river, there being no alternate route. At present bamboo raft is the only means to ferry the residents, including school going children. During monsoons when the river gets swollen, it is risky to cross and the colony gets cut off. The proposed bridge is, therefore, justified in the larger interests of the resident tribal community.

Tree felling is not required for the proposal and may not adversely affect the flora and fauna of the area. The proposal for diversion is recommended, subject to the conditions laid down by the Govt. of India.



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