REPORT OF CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS HIGHRANGE CIRCLE, KOTTAYAM

The area proposed for the implementation of Upper Sengulam (24MV) Project by KSEB Ltd was inspected by DFO on 07.01.2016. The land falls within "HNL-1999 Block VIII Sengulam Eucalyptus Plantation, which was leased out to M/s HNL by Kerala Forest Department for raising and maintaining captive eucalyptus plantation during 1999. Eucalyptus trees of three years age are standing in the area. The total stock of eucalyptus is qualified as 116.7MT/Ha. The area is Revenue land under the possession of Forest Department, and Kerala forest Department has been raising eucalyptus plantation there since 1970's. The area do not have any rare/endangered /unique species of flora and fauna. More over there are no protected archeological/heritage site/defence establishment located in the area. No works in violation of Forest (Conservation)Act have been carried out in the area. Area proposed, ie .0.95 Ha is the minimum required for the proposed project. Hence, based on the report of DFO Munnar and observations noted it is recommended to divert 0.95 Ha. land in 1999-Block VIII Sengulam Eucalyptus Grandis Plantation for the implementation of Upper Sengulam Project.

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