

Annexure-I

Site inspection Report of the Deputy Conservator of Forests

I have inspected the site on 27.07.2016. The proposal is for renewal of lease of a part of the area (Chithalvetty Reserved Forest) already leased out to State Farming Corporation , Kerala as per GO (Ms) 280/72 dated 28.06.1972 for an initial period of 30 years from the date of handing over of the area. The present proposal is for extension of lease of Chithalvetty portion (Item 4 of Schedule I of GO (Ms) 280/72 dated 28.06.1972) 831.185 ha ($683 + 83.750 + 74.390 - 9.955 = 831.185$). These blocks were handed over to SFCK on 02.11.1973, 03.12.1973 and 31.03.1974. The area was originally leased out for cultivation of Sugar cane, but later in 1980 they have shifted to Rubber cultivation and cashew.

As the natural forest area is already converted and given on lease for 30 years during 1976 and 1977 and the lease period expired in 2014 and approximately 350 rural families are benefitted by way of employment and income generation, I recommend that the lease renewal proposal may be granted. This proposal will not attract any legal provision of existing laws.

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