Inspection Report

I have inspected the forest area leased out to IISR in Peruvannamuzhy Range on 8.6.2016. Sri.Sujeesh.E.S, Farm Superintendent, IISR, Sri.P.Radhakrishnan, Programme coordinator, KVK, Range Forest Officer, Peruvannamuzhy and section staffs were present during the inspection.

The IISR is presently functioning in 94.08 Ha. of leased out forest land. The above land is part of Pannikottur Reserve Forest which was notified as per notification Agri F(b) 4-63626/58 dated 6.10.1959, and falls in survey number 568 of Chembanoda village of Koyilandy Taluk. The above 94.08 Ha. forest was leased to IISR in 1975 for establishing experimental farm. The initial lease period was for 25 years and hence lease period ended on 2000. Further the lease was extended till 2002.

The 94.08 Ha. leased out forest land is surrounded by dense evergreen /moist deciduous forests/ abandoned Teak and Mahogany plantations of Pannikottur Reserve Forests. The adjoining forests area part of Malabar Wildlife Sanctuary. These forests support diverse flora and fauna. Destruction of crops by Elephants/wild boar/Deers are common in this area. The farm authorities constructed Elephant proof Trenches around the farm to protect the crops from the attack of wild animals in the year 2014. In doing so approximately an extent of 15 Ha. which was not used in recent past for any activities has been excluded from the above 94.05 Ha. Hence total area within the Elephant Proof Trench and used for various activities by farm is only about 78.08 Ha. The above 15 Ha. land is under natural growth and devoid of any cultivation and experimental plots. Hence the lease may be extended for an extent of 79.08 Ha.

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