


SITE INSPECTION REPORT

Inspected the site on 08-09-2017 along with Divisional Forest Officer, Thiruvananthapuram and field staff. The proposal is State Road Improvement Project- rehabilitation of State Highways and major district roads in Package B- Improvement of Vellnad-Chettachal road coming under Paruthippally Range of Thiruvananthapuram Forest Division. The road is already existing tar road extensively used by the public to a maximum width of 12.0 m. The present proposal involves widening of road surface at various chainage points. The roads starts from Vellnad Junction and passes through Choozhiala Reserve for a length of 1.3km through forest area and ends at Chettachal Junction. On verification with field the proposed area is already existing road requires further widening not involves any felling of trees. The present proposal is only for widening existing tar road for 0.32 ha which do not involves any felling of trees or deep excavation or cutting which do not harm the biodiversity of the area and not much disturbance to wild flora and fauna. The area does not have any rare / endangered / threatened species and is not part of protected area under Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972. No protected archaeological / heritage site / defence establishment is located in the area. The requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency is unavoidable and bare minimum and there is no other alternate option available. During my inspection, no work in violation of the FC Act or guidelines is seen carried out by user agency. Hence the project may be considered positively.




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