

**SITE INSPECTION REPORT OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER, KASARAGOD.**

I have inspected the proposed area on 22.12.17. The Secretary, Panathady Grama Panchayath has applied for seeking permission under Section 2 of Forest Conservation Act 1980 to lay their proposed formation of road connectivity to 20 ST families through Achampara vested forest of Kanhangad Range for 64 meter length and 5 meter width (Total area 0.0324 Ha). Which is one Nelli Tree (Emblica) (55CM GBH and 5m Height), One Cashew Tree (50cm \* 25), One Koonan Pala (58 x 4m) and One Bamboo clump containing 26 number of culms are to be removed for this purpose. This does not involve any endangered species of fauna and flora. Forest land on either side consist of trees like Tectona Grandis, Irul, Maruth, Bamboo and other species. The proposed area is linear stretch of Achampara vested forest. On inspection the boundary consolidation was observed to be completed, cairns were intact along the border.

The requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency is unavoidable and is the barest minimum for the formation of road connectivity. In view of the above proposal is recommended for acceptance as road is passing through forest land which is using barest minimum extent.

The above user communities belongs to scheduled tribes. Since, the area possessed by them is Revenue land and is not a Forest. Hence, Forest Right Act is not applicable to this area. Because of this reason the diversion as per conservation act is necessary.

  
**Divisional Forest Officer, Kasaragod**