

**Name of work : KIIFB-Construction of Kumbichalkadavu Bridge across Karippayar in Parassala Constituency**

**REPORT**

The proposed Bridge is at Kumbichalkadavu in Amboori Grama Panchayat across Karippayar River inside Neyyar Reservoir in Parassala constituency of Thiruvananthapuram District. . This bridge will give provision for vehicular traffic to about 450 households in 11 tribal settlements on the other bank of the reservoir. At present there is a ferry at Kumbichalkadavu. During rainy seasons it becomes very difficult to operate the ferry in the reservoir. Also ferry service operates between 7am and 9pm only and during the remaining period the people are cutoff from the mainland. Also a number of casualties have been occurred here even causing the death of a school child. The tribal people on the other bank of the river is actually deprived off the facilities of the modern society. Due to lack of road accessibility they are forced to bear 2 to 3 times cost escalation for all the essential items/building materials. Thus the lack of transportation facilities deprive them from getting the true benefit of all the state and centrally aided schemes. The proposed bridge is considered as an only solution for the hardship of the tribal people. So considering all this as per GO(RT)1496/2016/PWD dated 31/10/2016 government has accorded administrative sanction for an amount of RS.1500 Lakhs for the construction of Kumbichalkadavu Bridge. So a seven span bridge of total length 253.4 m having a carriage way of 7.50m and 1.5m footpath on either side has been proposed. The total width of the bridge comes to 11.00m. The approach at Amboory side consists of 220 m. In Puravimala side the main approach has 100m length.

The construction of the bridge will put an end to the hardship of the inhabitants of Puravimala parts. They will be directly connected with the town. They will be connected with an all-weather road with the Town which will ensure the local area development. Agricultural sector and the overall living standards of the area will be improved due to the project. Now Financial Sanction has already been accorded by KIIFB for the work vide order no. APR 3/337/2017/KIIFB dated 01.01.2018 for an amount of 17.25 Crores. The Amboory Grama Panchayath has convened the 'Oorukkootam' of the tribals of the settlement and they had submitted their consent for the construction of the bridge and its approaches.

Under the above circumstance, the clearance from the forest department has been sought for.