

The concept of Malampuzha Ring Road is holding very much importance in the development of Malampuzha LAC which is proposed to be constructed around Malampuzha Dam Reservoir. It may be noted that Malampuzha Dam is the largest reservoir in Kerala with the scenic hills of Western Ghats in the back ground. This dam is having total catchment area of 145 square kilometres with capacity of 226 million cubic metres at FRL and water spread area of 22 sq.km..The canal system serve to irrigation farm land of 21,245 hectares while the reservoir provides drinking water to Palakkad and surrounding villages, industries, power generation, fish farming and water transport . In the view of tourism also this dam deserves an important role. The main attractions are Entrance Garden, Yakshi Garden, Japanese Garden, Upper Garden and view points, Cable car ride, Fish shaped aquarium, Fantasy Park, Spiced fruits camp, Excellent trekking tracks, river baths etc.

Now Malampuzha is in the way of fast growing and development through tourism activities.This place is sharing boundary with Forest coming Under Palakkad DFO. Also it is famous for forest products, that are collected through various tribal colonies nearby. The concept of Malampuzha Ring Road is actually a road that passes through the boundary off the entire reservoir, that enables the tourists to have a ride of around 36kms in the natural greenery.

In the present stage the ring road is not complete. It starts from the Dam face and ends at thekke Malampuzha on the North Western side. Also it starts from Dam face and ends at Elival on the North Eastern side. These two end points are separated by private land, Forest land and irrigation land. From Thekke Malampuzha it takes only 6 kms to reach the Malampuzha Dam, where public transportation is available. On the other hand it takes around 36 kms to reach the same place from the Elival side. Tribal colonies are there at the elival region, who lives with collecting various products from forest and also fishing from the dam. These people suffer a lot to take their products to the town for selling. Moreover that in case of emergency or accidents it takes hours to reach the nearest hospital through Malampuzha Town. Once this ring road is completed, these people can have easy and fastest access to take their products and casualty or medical problems.

For connecting the two places, ie. Thekke Malampuzha and Elival, a detailed investigation survey is conducted by Kerala Public works Department as in principle sanction is obtained for this project for an amount of 10 Crores vide GO(Rt)1496/2016/PWD dated 30/10/2016. As per the detailed investigation it is revealed that a bridge of span 234.20m is to be constructed on the upstream side the Dam. The proposed bridge is having a width of 13.20m and average height of 10m, crossing the reservoir. It is also proposed to construct approach road of total length of 1096 m considering the geometry and traffic safety aspects. Out of this 530.m comes under Irrigation Department, 301m under private parties and 264.9m under Forest Department. Private land owners already expressed their willingness to hand over the land for road construction. Irrigation Department is also ready to hand over the required land and the formalities are under scrutiny. Now Forest land is to be made available for road construction.

For submitting the Detailed Project Report to Kerala Infrastructure Investment Fund Board for financial assistance, the entire land required for the project should be readily available with Kerala Public Works Department. Also, there is no other option to align the road through other lands, thus avoiding the forest. The alignment of the road is prepared such that the forest land required is minimum and the passengers get easy access. Hence it is requested that necessary steps may be forwarded to get the clearance from the Forest Department at the earliest.