

## Note on justification for locating the Project in forest land

Government of Kerala in G.O. M.S. 356/PD dated 01/04/1965 issued orders for the formation of Tourist Development Corporation. Kerala Tourism Development Corporation (previously Kerala Tourist & Handicraft Development Corporation Ltd.) was accordingly registered on 29/12/1965 under the Indian Companies Act and the Company started function with effect from 01/04/1966.

Government of Kerala vide G.O. M.S 139/PD dated 30/03/1966 transferred the following institutions to Kerala Tourism Development Corporation Ltd. With effect from 31/03/1966.

1. Aranya Nivas Hotel, Thekkady
2. Lake Palace, Thekkady (previously Tourist Bungalow, Edapalayam)
3. Periyar House, Thekkady (Class II Tourist Bungalow, Thekkady)

Further Government vide G.O. M.S. No.224/71/PD dated 7<sup>th</sup> April 1971 leased out 21.20 acres (8.58 Ha) of land at Thekkady comprised in survey number 42/1 in Periyar Village, Peermade Taluk then under occupation by the Kerala Tourism Development Corporation for a period of twenty five years.

Accordingly a lease deed was executed on 17/10/1987 and the lease was for a period of 25 years from 07/08/1971, and the leasehold area for the constructing of two storied buildings for accommodating the tourists and the staff.

On expiry of the lease, KTDC Ltd. has been requesting for the renewal of lease, to continue the same activities carried out earlier.



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