

SITE INSPECTION REPORT

A proposal has been received by this office from District Collector Pathanamthitta (user agency) through Divisional Forest Officer, Ranni and Konni for diversion of forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the purpose of "Issuance of Patta to the encroachers of forest land encroached /occupied prior to 01/01/1977" for an area of 1970.04 Ha. The site was inspected by me on 02.07.2019 and 20.7.2019. On inspection of the site and careful examination of all the records, it was found that the land required by the user agency is for the purpose of issuing patta to the encroachers of forest land occupied prior to 01/01/1977 in Ranni and Konni Forest Divisions of Pathanamthitta District. As per the G.O (Ms) 655/89/RD dated 31.08.1989 the joint verification of forest land encroached by the occupants prior to 01.01.1977 was conducted by the Revenue and Forest Department and finalized the Joint Verification (JVR) list of eligible encroachers. As per the joint verification list, the total area of **1970.04 ha** of forest land was finalized in Pathanamthitta District which includes **1906.66 ha from Ranni Forest Division and 63.38 ha from Konni Forest Division**. As per the Joint verification Report the following forest areas were falling in various Taluks of Ranni and Konni Forest Divisions of Pathanamthitta District.

S.No	Name of the Taluk	Total area finalized as per the Joint verification Report (JVR) in Ha	Total number of occupants as per JVR list
1	Mallappally	104.13	414
2	Ranni	1586.00	5154
3	Kozhencherry (Konni)	216.53	551
4	Konni	63.38	243
		1970.04	6362

After detailed inspection and perusal of records, it was found that the proposed forest land was occupied by the encroachers were prior to 01.01.1977 and they area were included in the finalized joint verification report. The District Collector, Pathanamthitta has also informed that the regularization of eligible encroachments prior to 01.01.1977 in Pathanamthitta District was completed.

The following facts were also recorded during the field inspection.

- i) The requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency in Part-I of the proposal is unavoidable and is barest minimum required for the project.
- ii) In the proposed area there are no rare / endangered/ unique species of flora and fauna found in the area.
- iii) Similarly, the proposed forest land is not a part of protected archaeological/ heritage site/ defense establishment or any other important monument is located in the area.
- iv) The user agency has not violated the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. However, the area was already occupied by the encroachers prior to 01.01.1977 and jointly verified by Revenue and Forest Department and finalized as eligible encroachments.
- v) Specific recommendation for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal: The proposed Forest land was occupied by the encroachers prior to 01.01.1977 and jointly verified by Revenue and Forest Department and finalized as eligible encroachments. The boundary of the area was demarcated from forest boundary wherever it meets with forest land through boundary stones and this area has fully developed as a habitation and agriculture lands. Since the land was occupied before 01.01.1977 and were included in the finalized Joint Verification Report (JVR) of Revenue and Forest Department the proposal may considered positively. Considering all these factors, the proposal is recommended for forest clearance as per the norms of MoEF & CC, Government of India

Place:

Date:

(Signature)

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