

Since, the originally planned activities by the team could not be implemented successfully especially in such hostile environment, it warrants a different strategy altogether. The 'disruption' has happened primarily because powerful political and criminal interests are behind it. A weak administration has been brow-beaten into inaction. But might cannot determine one's right. The departments primarily Revenue, Survey and Land Records and Forest have now to be goaded and forced to act as per the Law.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based on a close examination of the situation, the Committee, therefore, makes the following Recommendations:

1. The entire Eucalyptus Grandis plantations in the villages of Vattavada, Kottakamboor, Kanthalloor, Marayoor and Keezhanthoor should be taken over by the Government at once. [Action: Revenue Dept.]
2. Ban on cultivation of exotic species or trees like Eucalyptus Grandis, Acasia, etc. in Forest or other public lands and private lands, in the Anchunadu area would be totally justified and in tune with the recommendations in the Kasturirangan Report, keeping in view the ecological fragility of this environmentally sensitive terrain. A Government order may be issued to stop Eucalyptus Grandis cultivation on private lands pending an amendment in legislation to ban cultivation of Eucalyptus Grandis and Acasia under the Kerala Promotion of Tree Growth in Non-forest Areas Act, 2005. Forest Department may be directed to stop Eucalyptus Grandis cultivation on all public lands. [Action: Forest Dept.]
3. The exhaustive details of all Thandaper holders is available for Vattavada and Kottakamboor villages as provided by the District