

XI.A.4. Environmental Impact Assessment of Eloor-Edayar Industrial Belt in the State of Kerela

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Economic development requires resources of earth, and industrial activity claims a large part of the nation's natural resources and contributes substantially to the national income. Industrialisation, at the same time, disrupts the nature's regenerating and balancing ability through massive resource use, waste generation and the pollution of the environment. However, advances in technology and management practices have made it possible to minimise such environmental disturbances, and with the increased environmental awareness, the old shibboleth of 'environment versus development' has given way to a new understanding of mutual dependence and interaction between them. In so far as conservation and development aim at improving the quality of life, they are synonymous, and environmental impact assessment (EIA) as an interdisciplinary decision making tool facilitates the internalisation of environmental concerns of development activity in a given area. This paper attempts the EIA of industrial activity in Eloor-Edayar belt.