

**ANNEXURE-II**  
**SITE INSPECTION REPORT**

This is certify that I have inspected the forest area proposed for diversion for laying New Ankola-Hubli Railway Broad gauge traverse through Ramanguli, Mastikatta and Ankola ranges of Ankola taluka falling in the Jurisdiction of Karwar division on 18-06-2016. along with Assistant Conservator of Forests, Ankola Sub-Division and Range Forest Officer, Ankola, Mastikatta and Ramanguli with representatives from South Western Railways. The proposed line passes through dense evergreen/semi evergreen forest areas with canopy density of 0.6 and above Eco Class-1. The entire area falls in Western Ghats, which is one of the world mega Bio-diversity hot spots and is home to several endemic and endangered species of Flora and Fauna (ANNEXURE-I). These are pristine undisturbed, ecologically fragile natural wilderness areas. The area receive heavy rainfall with average of 3000 mm and above. The tract involves several valleys and ridges and is highly prone to soil erosion. The entire proposed area is catchment of Gangavali (Bedthi) rivers. Disturbance of these areas lead to heavy erosion leading to chocking of natural drains and siltation of river flow. Thus disturbing the life supporting systems and destruction of estuaries downstream by siltation. The forest area falling between the existing Hubli-Ankola Nationa Highway-63 and proposed Railway line becomes instantly fragmented forest area.


The Forest area proposed to be diverted for the project stands on undulating, gently to very steep slope with loose soil. Soil is held compact by the roots of multi canopied flora that exists. Once the forest cover is removed the area get exposed, due impact of heavy rain the exposed land becomes highly vulnerable to soil erosion. The proposed area falls in the villages which are included in Kasturi Rangan Committee report on ecological sensitive areas of Western ghat.

The violation of Forest Conservation Act 1980 is not occurred in the area.

The forest land proposed by the user agency is as they required for new railway line is unavoidable and minimum.

The proposed area does not affect any declared or notified monuments of historical, religious, archeological or recreation importance including wild life sanctuary or national park.

Place: Karwar  
Date: 08 -07-2016

  
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