Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FC) and Nodal Officer (FCA) Field Inspection report

The project site was inspected by me along with the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Karwar and his staff on 17-12-2021 and during inspection representative of the User Agency were also present. The project site is located on the Karwar Ankola Highway approximately 12 kms from the Karwar. It is on the left side of the National Highway-66 which is under construction. On the right side of the National highway is Sea Bird project of Defence. The project proponent is having one existing quarry near to the project site which is likely to be closed after National Highway-66 become functional as Government guidelines does not allow stone quarry 200 meters from the National Highway.

The User Agency has asked for 8.803 ha of forest land to initiate the quarrying and associated activity in lieu of the exiting quarry which is likely to be closed in view of Govt. regulations. It is noted that the area asked for the quarrying activity (5.7 ha) is big in comparison to the existing quarry operated by the same user Agency.

Hence, it is proposed that we may consider the proposal for full but the quarrying activity may be restricted for 2 ha instead of 5.7 ha. excluding dumping site and other associated activities during the present lease period of 10 years. The quality of the forest is scrub. We may impose the condition of proper Rehabilitation and Reclamation of old quarry site and also phased rehabilitation of the proposed stone quarry area.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation) and Nodal Officer (FCA)