

## **Recommendation Report of The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Dharwad Division, Dharwad**

On 29-06-2021 along with the Range Forest Officer Dharwad, Survey RFO and his staff and representatives of User Agency, I have inspected proposed site for Diversion of 0.66 hectre of Forest land in Kelgeri Village Sy NO. 709/B, Dharwad Taluk and District for providing additional interconnectivity between the two ends of the arch shaped campus of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Dharwad in favour of Director, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Dharwad. The proposed diversion area fall under jurisdiction of Dharwad Range of Dharwad Forest Division.

During inspection of the proposed site for Diversion following points were observed.

The proposed site for diversion is situated at Kelgeri reserve forest. IIT is an arch shaped campus surrounded by other buildings, Kelgeri forest area (25.6ha) is a single fragmented area repeatedly prone to encroachment. So giving lease may be useful that avoids illegal entry/ Trespass.

G.P.S readings of 04 corners of the proposed area.

1. $15^{\circ} 29' 28.13''$	$74^{\circ} 56' 23.96''$	2. $15^{\circ} 29' 26.62''$	$74^{\circ} 56' 24.46''$
3. $15^{\circ} 29' 24.48''$	$74^{\circ} 56' 20.40''$	4. $15^{\circ} 29' 25.96''$	$74^{\circ} 56' 19.88''$

No Rare/endangered/RET/Unique Species are found in the proposed area.

No Wildlife/ Corridor activities are going in and around the proposed area.

Proposed area does not fall under any Archaeological/Heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monument of protected area.

Proposed area does not fall under any Eco Sensitive Zone (ESZ) of the protected area.

Already 16 feet kacha road for department purpose is present at the site, now the user agency is proposing for (48.2\*137m)0.66ha that includes the existing kacha road.

Forest Department has taken up Acacia plantation at the site proposed for diversion during 2003-04 rains, removing encroachment.

Two 220KV Transmission Lines passing over the area where the user agency has applied for proposal which is overlapping with the present proposal.

Diversion of forest land as proposed by the User Agency is unavoidable and bare minimum of requirements. Hence proposal may be recommended for the diversion of above said forest area for road in favour of Director, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Dharwad., as per the provisions prescribed in section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act-1980.

Place: Dharwad  
Date : 29-06-2021

  
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