

Site Inspection Report

I have inspected the proposed site for Construction of 400 KV Quad D/C Transmission Line from Udupi (UPCL) to Kasaragod. The proposed transmission line is passing through Puttur, Mangalore, Bantwal and Moodabidre Forest Ranges under Mangalore and Kundapur Forest Division in favour of Udupi Kasaragod Transmission Limited on 04.05.2022.

The proposed area **31.079 ha.** falls under both Mangalore territorial division (**22.111 ha.**) and Kundapur Division, Kundapur (**8.968 ha.**). The proposed area to be diverted for Construction of 400 KV Quad D/C Transmission Line through Reserve Forest and Deemed forest of Puttur, Mangalore, Bantwal and Moodabidre Forest Ranges.

During inspection it is found that a total of **8145 number of Trees** (Puttur Range-68, Bantwal Range-7601 & Mangalore Range 476) have been enumerated under the transmission line corridor in Mangalore Division.

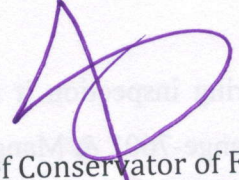
Further in Kundapur Division the proposed area is the optimum requirement for 400 KV Quad D/C Transmission Line is unavoidable. Accordingly, area is calculated and it is minimum. The land required in Reserve forest is 1.066 Ha. and in Deemed forest is 7.902 Ha. The total land required is 8.968 Ha. in Kundapur Division. It is found that **830 trees** are present in area proposed for diversion.

Regarding identification of area for compensatory afforestation Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chikkaballapur has identified and a total area of 62.20 ha. for this proposal 12.2 ha Degraded forest area in Sy.No. 37 (Udugirinallapanhalli village) in Gudibande Range, NDB 5th Block, 3rd Working Circle, Chikkaballapur Taluk, Mandikallu Hobli, Chikkaballapur District and 50.00 ha. Degraded forest area in Sy.No. 17(Chinchenahalli Village) in Gudibande Range; NDB 5th Block, 3rd Working Circle. Further, Chikkaballapur has also issued the hard copies of CA related information (Topo Sheet, Topo Map, Geo reference map CA land suitability certificate & CA Scheme)

During inspection It is also observed that standing crop in equity area and cost of equity land with an extent of 1.066 hectare in Thenkamijar village in Moodabidri taluk of kundapur division comes under Karnataka Cashew Development Corporation (KCDC). The M/s Sterlite

Power, Udupi-Kasaragode Transmission Ltd. ABCO Trade Centre, Kottara Chowki, Mangalore 575006 has given undertaking to pay the Compensation amount of Rs. 20,06,840.00/-. Which is enclosed herewith by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Kundapur division, Kundapur. Further, Karnataka Cashew Development Corporation (KCDC) has issued No Objection Letter for release of above land under Forest (Conservation) Act in favour of Udupi Kasaragod Transmission Limited subject to clearance of valuation amount of Rs. 20,06,840.00/- as soon as the project is sanctioned.

The User Agency has to pay the NPV and also has to bear the cost of raising of CA plantation and Compensation to Karnataka Cashew Development Corporation Ltd (KCDC). Hence, the proposal may be considered for clearance under Forest (Conservation) Act 1980.



Chief Conservator of Forests,
Mangaluru Circle, Mangaluru.

Date: 04.06.2022.

Place: Mangalore