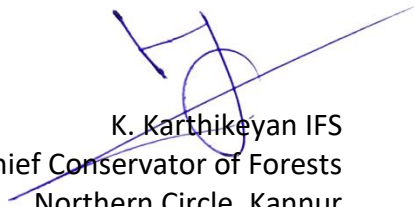


Recommendation Letter

Inspected the proposed site on 05.12.2018. The proposal under Forest Conservation Act is intended for getting permission for supplying water in **EN URU** Project by laying pipeline for tapping water from the stream flowing through Shola Forests located 1 Km uphill i.e. inside from the Vested Forest (VFC Item No. 89) in Lakkidi area under Kalpetta Range. This area falls in Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve and the nature of this area is semi evergreen and is highly fragile land and any disturbance in the land will badly effect the ecosystem. Landslides happened due to the recent floods noticed in the surrounding areas warrants the need to protect this fragile ecosystem.

This project aims to bring water for utilizing in the **EN URU** Projects for running tourism activity. But the water available or flowing through the Shola forest cannot fulfill the requirement of this proposal, since the wild animals exists (Elephant, Gaur, Sambar deer etc.) around this habitat entirely depends on this water source inside the Shola Forests. Considering the above facts the proposal is not recommended for consideration.

It is also suggested that, the water requirement of this project can met from other alternate ways like either adopting methods of rain water harvesting or check the seasonal flow of water in the sub watersheds (located in the downstream of the project area) by constructing check dams and ponds.



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