ANNEXURE-III SITE INSPECTION REPORT

This is certify that I have inspected the forest area proposed for diversion for "Construction of brrage at Honnalli to supply additional water to Karwar-Ankola towns, enroute villages and project Sea Bird" by Assistant Executive Engineer, KUWS & D Board, Sub-Division, Karwar. Out of 34.98 Ha of total area proposed 10.90.ha area falls in Hiregutti range, Kumta Sub Division of Honavar Division of Uttar Kannada district. The proposed project is diversion of forest area for Construction of barrage across river Gangavali and the resultant submergance in the adjoing forest and agriculture lands of villages viz, Gundabala (7.36 Ha forest land) and Hillur (3.54 Ha forest land). The proposed area for diversion of take in Forest Sy.No.27 (Block No.91), Forest Sy.No.34 (Block No. 98) of Gundabala and Forest Sy No.435 (Block no.324), Forest y No.424 (Block No.357), Forest Sy No.417 (Block No.377) of Hillur villages.

I have inspected the proposed forest area for Diversion on 01-10-2019. along with Range Forest Officer, Hiregutti Range and staff. The proposed forest land for construction of barrage is in dense evergreen forest area. with canopy density of 1.0 and above and falls in Eco-Class-I. 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. These are the pristine, undisturbed, Ecologically fragile natural wilderness areas. The area receives heavy rain fall with an average of 3500 mm annually.

The forest area proposed to be diverted for the project. The propsed area falls in the villages which are included in Kasturi Rangan Committee report on ecoligical sensitive areas of Western Ghat. As the area proposed for diversion is for construction of barrage, an exhaustive study is requested to know the water inflow dischange of water, and possible submergence and its impact on the hydrology of the area. The proposed project required for supply of drinking water to the expanding requirements of project seabird..

The proposed area does not affect any declared or notified monuments of historical religious archeological or recreation importance.

Place:Honavar

Date: 25 -10-2019

Deputy Conservator of Forests, Honavar Division, Honavar.