SITE INSPECTION REPORT

I have inspected the site on 07-11-2019 along with Deputy Conservator of Forests, Honnavar and Karwar. The forest area proposed for diversion of 34.98 hectare in Karwar and Honnavar division, out of which 24.08 Ha pertaining to Karwar division in forest land Sy. No.62 and 69 of Agasur village, Sy. No. 40 of Heggarmakkigadda and Sy. No. 13 of Kavalalli village of Mastikatta Range, Ankola Taluk and 10.90 ha. in Honnavar Division in forest Sy.No. 27 and 34 of Gundabal village and F.Sy.No 435, 424 and 417 of Hillur village of Hiregutti Range Ankola Taluk Uttar Kannada District for construction of Vented barrage across Gangavali river to supply drinking water to Ankola, Karwar and project sea bird area. During the inspection the following observations were made.

- 1) The Vented barrage will be constructed across Gangavali river, which is a perennial river and which joins Arabian Sea at Ganagavali village
- 2) Forest land is required for the construction of vented barrage and storage of water which leads to submersion of forest land.
- 3) There are unique species of flora and fauna found in and around the proposed area.
- 4) It is observed that, 6422 tress in Karwar Division and 791 trees in Honnavar Division have to be felled for this project.
- 5) There is acute storage of drinking water in Karwar and Ankola township as well as Project sea bird area of Ministry of Defence.
- 6) Due to hardness of water and sea incursion the ground water in coastal area is becoming difficult for consumption.
- 7) The proposed area is barest minimum and unavoidable. There is a alternate Revenue land for such project.
- 8) The proposed area falls in the villages which are included in Kasturi Rangan Committee report on ecological sensitive areas of Western Ghat.
- 9) I recommend for diversion of 34.98 hectare in Karwar and Honnavar division, out of which 24.08 Ha pertaining to Karwar division in forest land Sy. No.62 and 69 of Agasur village, Sy. No. 40 of Heggarmakkigadda and Sy. No. 13 of Kavalalli village of Mastikatta Range, Ankola Taluk and 10.90 ha. in Honnavar Division in forest Sy.No. 27 and 34 of Gundabal village and F.Sy.No 435, 424 and 417 of Hillur village of Hiregutti Range Ankola Taluk Uttar Kannada District for construction of Vented barrage across Gangavali river to supply drinking water to Ankola, Karwar and project sea bird area.

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