

Site Inspection Report of The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Dharwad Division, Dharwad

On 07-09-2020 along with the Range Forest Officer Hubballi and his staff and representatives of User Agency, I have inspected proposed site for Diversion of 3.238 ha. (8-00 acres) of forest land in FSY. No.68 in Unkal village in Hubli Taluk for educational purpose in favour of Veman Vidyavardhaka Sangha, Hubballi, Dharwad. Proposed diversion area falls under jurisdiction of Hubballi Range of Dharwad Forest Division.

During inspection following observations were made:-

1. The land is located at the base of Unkal hillocks, Part of the area is steep sloping terrain (less than two acres), rest of the area is gently sloping, having undulating terrain.
2. G.P.S. readings of 04 corners of the proposed area.

1. N-15 22 27.00 E-75 07 39.0	2. N-15 22 24.7 E-75 07 45.7
3. N-15 22 30.2 E-75 07 46.7	4. N-15 22 32.6 E-75 07 43.1
3. No Rare/endangered/Threatened/Unique Species were observed in the proposed area while inspection.
4. The proposed area does not cross through any Wildlife area/ Corridors.
5. Proposed area does not form a part of any Archaeological/Heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monument of protected nature.
6. Proposed area does not fall under any Eco Sensitive Zone (ESZ) of any protected area.
7. User agency was in possession of this land, since 1973 when a 30 years lease was given to them. The lease was sanctioned by State Government prior to Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
8. Out of 8-00 acres, in 5-00 acres User Agency have constructed two buildings, one is measuring approximately 4162.5 Sq ft, and another one is measuring approximately 308 Sq ft (Total is measurement is approximately 4470.5 Sq.ft.) and 27 gunta land has been leveled, by User agency.
9. In remaining 3-00 acres, out of 8-00 acres, Forest Department has taken up plantation under the 'Greening of Urban Area' during 2018 rains, species planted are *Azadirachta indica*, *Bauhinia racemosa*, *Pongamia pinnata* etc.

10. Natural vegetation consists *Holoptelea integrifolia*, *Peltroforum pterocarpum*, *Santalum album*, *Swietenia mahagoni*, *Cassia fistula*, *Terminalia catappa*, *Prosopis juliflora*, *Dalbergia sissoo*, *Eucalyptus grandis*, *Azadirachta indica*, *Prosopis cineraria*, *Pongamia pinnata*, *Pithecellobium dulce*, etc.


11. Present /Existing approach road to proposed area is not a forest land.

12. The User agency should carry out additional Soil and moisture Conservation measures on its own cost if the steep sloped area has to be diverted.

The total area for diversion is 3.238 Ha only, which is unavoidable and bare minimum of requirements, hence proposal may be recommended for the diversion of above said forest area for educational purpose in favour of Veman Vidyavardhaka Sangha, Hubballi, Dharwad, as per Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act-1980.

Place: Dharwad

Date : 07-09-2020


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