



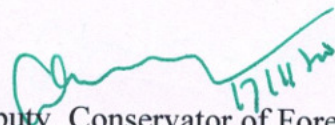
**Office of the Deputy Conservator of Forests and Director, BRT Tiger Reserve,
Chamarajanagar.**

No. DMN/BR Hills Vishwashanti Nikethana/2020-21

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On 22-10-2020 I have inspected the proposed diversion area (Vishwa Shanthinikethana Trust). The proposal is for diversion of 1 acres of forest land but the actual area including the approach road is 1.6 acres. The proposed area is near to Biligiri Rangana Temple which is a pilgrimage centre. It is near to the main road connecting K.Gudi and Biligiri Ranganatha temple. Since the area is well within the tiger reserve wild animals like tiger, elephant, gaur, chital etc., and varieties of birds are found in this area. Signs of movement of wild animals like elephants were observed near the proposed area through indirect observations like dung. However, many of the concrete structures like welcome arch, gate with pillars, kuthir, guest room, temple, washroom complex, deer samadhi, residential rooms, swamiji samadhi, walking paths have developed over a period of last 25 years. Though leasing this area to the trust in no way helps in conservation of biodiversity of this tiger reserve, this area cannot be reverted back to its original status because of the above mentioned developments. Moreover, a lot of pilgrims visit to the ashrama regularly during weekends. They are emotionally attached to this site. So, I recommend to accept this proposal for a larger public interest with the following conditions.

1. No new concrete structures to be built in the future.
2. Management of the ashrama should not be handedover to a new successor by simply nominating someone as the legal heir.
3. Payment of arrears of lease rent with interest.
4. Purchase and handover of double the area diverted along with the cost for compensatory afforestation.


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