SITE INSPECTION REPORT

The proposal for the diversion of forest land vide proposal No. FP/KA/RAIL/155505/2022 submitted by the user agency The Deputy Chief Engineer, Construction, South Western Railway, Mysore, on web portal www.parivesh.nic.in has been received by this office on web portal envisages the Diversion of 47.91 Ha of forest land in Sagar and Shimoga Division, in which 9.04 Ha is in Shimoga Division and 38.87 Ha of forest land in Sagar Forest Division. The above forest land is required for implementing the construction of new BG Railway line in Forest Lands in Various Villages of Shimoga and Davangere District. The site inspection of the proposed land has been done by me on 09.06.2022 along with ACF Ayanur and staff of Shankar and Ayanur Range.

The user agency has requested for the diversion of forest land for the construction of New BG Railway line in Forest Lands in Various Villages of Shimoga and Davangere District. The proposed area for diversion lies in following villages,

SI. No.	Village	Forest Name	Sy. No.	Extent in Ha
1	Kondajji	Deemed Forest	23	1.20
2	Narayanapura	Lakkinakoppa MF	34	0.17
3	Lakkinakoppa	Lakkinakoppa MF	46	0.21
4	Belalkatte	Joga MF	33, 32	3.22
5	Hirekorlahalli	Joga MF	39	3.71
6	Konagavalli	Sidlipura MF	56	0.33
7	Sidlipura	Sidlipura MF	26	0.20
Total Extent from 7 Villges is				9.04

The total area to be diverted from all 7 villages is 9.04 Ha. All these villages come under the jurisdiction of Shankar and Ayanur Range of Shivamogga Division.

The proposed forest land has an average crown density of 0.3. The forest area of Joga M.F is 6.93 Ha and its canopy density is 0.4. The forest area of other blocks is 2.11 Ha and its canopy density is 0.2. The list of 1113 trees in the proposed area is enclosed with the proposal. The proposed forest area is dry deciduous forest falls under Eco class-3.

There are no archeological and heritage sites found in the proposed area. And the proposed land falls within the limits of Eco-Sensitive Zone of Shettihalli Wildlife Sanctuaries.

As the project passes through the forest area, a wildlife mitigation plan is prepared and enclosed. In which underpasses where wildlife movement is more and chain link mesh fencing all along the track on both sides is proposed to be constructed to facilitate the movement of wildlife across the railway tracks and reduces the chances of wildlife casualties.

This project provides the essential connectivity to the rural people of Shikaripura Taluk with its district headquarter and it also provides employment for the local people. This project found to be essential for the local people. Hence the Proposal No: FP/KA/RAIL/155505/2022 submitted by the user agency "Deputy Chief Engineer, Construction, South Western Railway, Mysore" may be considered.

Deputy Conservator of Forest Shivamogga Division, Shivamogga.