## Recommendation of Divisional Forest Officer, Kasaragod

## Construction of 400 KV QUAD D/C Uduppi-Kasaragod Transmission line

The proposed 400 KV QUAD Udupi-Kasaragod Transmission line is a project in the Kasaragod District where there is no Hydro Electric Project, Thermal Power Project or Nuclear Power Project. After implementation of the proposed project, the scarcity of electricity in the Kasaragod District will be rectified. It will also be helpful to small and large industries in Kasaragod District.

The transmission line requires diversion of 17.073 Ha Reserve Forest area under Kasaragod Forest Division . In a linear strip No of trees/saplings under less than 60 cm gbh which include 543 No of teak poles under the entire transmission line corridor. However, User Agency shall be advised to do minimum tree felling during construction of the transmission line as per requirement. The user agency shall provide funds for raising compensatory afforestation with a maintenance for next 10 years. Once construction work of the transmission line is completed, the corridor area should be planted with dwarf species for which the cost of planting and 10 years maintenance shall be done by the user agency.

The user agency shall pay NPV as per guidelines and provide fund for raising compensatory afforestation plantation and dwarf plantation. The District collector shall provide equal extent of non forest land as land compensation.

The construction of the transmission line is a govt. of India project having national interest. It will improve overall power scenario provided mitigated measures are implemented by the user agency as per guidelines of FC Act. Therefore, the diversion for the forest land which is barest minimum required for the project is recommended for acceptance.

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