

## Site Inspection Report

I have inspected the area proposed for diversion of 2.5315 ha. of additional forest land for Four Laning of the Bangalore - Mangalore section of NH-48 (New-75) from Design Chainage Km 255.140 to 270.270 passing through reserve forest stretch of Four laning of Addahole (Near Gundya) ( Existing Chainage Km 263.000) Road Widening to 4 lane between Hassan - Bantwal Section of NH - 75 (Old NH - 48) in Mangalore Division on 03-07-2021.

An area of 2.744 ha. Which was diverted already in Sy.No. 69/P of Rekya village in Porkala Reserve Forest remains Unutilized by NHAI after removal of trees has to be taken back by the Department. In this stretch one EUP (Elephant under pass) was proposed by NHAI and got approved by Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) Bengaluru. Meanwhile Project Director, National Highways Authority of India proposed for EOP (Elephant over pass) instead of EUP in the said portion as the depth of the cut at the existing portion of the proposed tunnel would lead to the formation of valley kind of situation and would not be feasible. Accordingly Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) Bengaluru informed to take a suitable action to revise and finalize the Wildlife mitigation plan as per the above suggestion and as per the site specific requirement and implement the same.

In this connection, Project Director, National Highways Authority of India proposed for realignment in forest stretch against approved tunnel / EOP proposal quoting techno - commercial difficulties from Km 267 + 200 to Km 267 + 900. As this change in realignment requires additional forest area, it was directed to submit a fresh proposal for the Additional area to be diverted by Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation), Bengaluru to the User Agency.

The Additional forest area passes through Porkala Reserve Forest of Rekya village Sy.No. 51, 53 & 69/1 and 95/1 of Ichilampady village, kadaba taluk of Uppinangady and Panja Ranges of Mangaluru Division.

The Reserve Forest area proposed for diversion is a Rolling / Hilly terrain present on the Right Hand side of the existing road. The proposed area for diversion consists of 169 No. of Trees. The area proposed for this project does not contain any archeological / heritage site and it is not a marked area for defence establishment. No violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 has been noticed during the course of my inspection. The area does not form part of National park, Wildlife sanctuary Biosphere reserve, Tiger reserve.

Further, NHAI should be insisted to carry out the wildlife mitigation plan as stipulated in condition 16 & 33 of Stage -II approval accorded vide Government order No FEE 76 FLL 2015, Bengaluru, dated:05-2-2018, and a Wildlife mitigation plan (General alignment drawing) approved by Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (wildlife) Bengaluru vide letter No. PCCF (WL)/CR-26/2016-17, dated: 13-12-2017.

Regarding identification of area for compensatory afforestation, the user agency has not identified the compensatory afforestation area. But, they submitted an undertaking stating that Net Present Value (NPV) & required Compensatory Afforestation (CA) and other stipulated charges will be paid as per applicability and norms of MoEF and Forest Department.

Hence, this proposal may be considered under forest (conservation) Act 1980.

  
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