

SITE INSPECTION REPORT

On 10-09-2019, I along with Assistant Conservator of Forests, Kundapura Sub-division and Range Forest Officer Byndoor inspected the FC proposal area. As per NH proposal three locations i.e., portion no.1, 2, & 3 falls in the Byndoor RF extension block forest area. As per the proposal 5.195 ha. of Byndoor RF extension block forest land is required for the slope correction in the jurisdiction of Kundapura Division.

Following observations were made during the inspection.

- 1) The Proposed area falls in the Shiroor and Paduvari villages of Byndoor range which is not included in the draft notification of the Kasturi rangann report. As per ACF and RFO Byndoor report around 54 trees are marked for felling which includes Acacia, Cashew, Casurina, Strychnos, Mahogany etc., the proposed area does not possess any major tree species. These areas are nearer to NH road and no endangered flora and fauna were found.
- 2) The soil strata is fragile and loose soil were observed which are prone for land sliding whenever there is a heavy downpour. Due to heavy rainfall, high level of landslides were observed all along the National Highway- 66 (17).
- 3) In the Jurisdiction of Kundapura division 5.195 ha. of forest land is proposed for additional land for slope stabilization. Details of additional forest area is mentioned below.

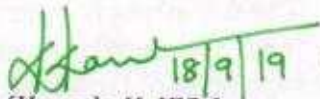
Portion No.	District	Taluk	Village	Sy.No.	Extent (Ha)	RF
01	Udupi	Byndoor	Shiroor	217	0.340	Byndoor RF extn.block
02	Udupi	Byndoor	Shiroor	217	0.611	Byndoor RF extn.block
03	Udupi	Byndoor	Paduvari	241	4.244	Byndoor RF extn.block
				Total	5.195	

- 4) Already expansion of NH work is on progress, the proposed additional land is required for the stabilization of the slopes. Without stabilization of slopes there is high threat of land sliding of fragile hills every monsoon season which may lead to degradation of the forest land also.

- 5) In the above said proposal, portion no 1 and 2 are hilly terrain and have deep slopes but portion no 3 is a flat terrain. The above said area is located at a distance of 7km from the Kollur Mookambikai Wildlife Sanctuary. Since the notified Eco-sensitive Zone is restricted to 1km from the sanctuary boundary the above proposed area does not falls under the Eco-sensitive Zone of Kollur Mookambikai wildlife sanctuary.
- 6) In the third portion of proposal it was observed that huge trench of 600m. length, 4.5m. width and 1.3m. depth was excavated in the Byndoor RF extension block prior obtaining FC clearance of newly proposed area. Excavated Soil was dumped in the reserve forest area of Byndoor RF extension block.

On the basis of the observation cited above I hereby recommend for the diversion of forest land of 5.195 ha. in Kundapura Division under Forest Conservation Act 1980 to National Highway Authority of India, Project Implementation Unit, Mangalore for the slope stabilization of National Highway-66(17).

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