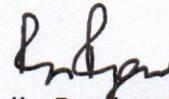


**Inspection report of Forest area to be diverted in favour of KIOCL in
Bellary division.**

Inspected the 482.367 ha of forest land in Swamymalai Forest block on 16.01.2020. During inspection I was accompanied by CCF Bellary, DCF Bellary and officials of KIOCL and other field staff of Sandur range. The Forest land is located in villages namely Nandihalli and Ranajipura and Narasapura of Sandur range of Bellary division. The forest land proposed for diversion for mining purpose is hilly in nature and is having good growth of Anogeissus , Boswellia, Albizzia and other dry deciduous species. Top of the hill is flat and either side of hillock are having steep slopes. As we climb to the top of the hill there is a one non working mine which was given earlier to M/s Bharath Mines and Minerals Limited.

I concur with the inspection report of DCF Bellary and CCF Bellary that this area need not be recommended for mining purpose because it is having very good dry deciduous forest. With the opening of these type of forest areas for mining purpose the soil erosion from the hillocks will be very high which will effect the drainage system down below and ultimately effect the health of local habitants living in the vicinity. Loss of such a good dry deciduous forest will be for forever and such a forest can't be recreated. The diversion of forest land for mining purpose will adversely affect the eco-system of the area. Hence, the 482.367 ha of forest land in Swamymalai Forest block of sandur range is not recommended for diversion for mining purpose to M/s KIOCL.



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