

# KARWAR CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Nandangadda, Karwar-581304  
(CONG. NO. 2543)

Date:03<sup>rd</sup>February,2025

The Deputy Conservator of Forests  
Karwar Division, Kajubag  
Karwar581301

Sub:Diversion of 00.05 Ha. of Forest in F.Sy.No.17A of Shirwad  
Village,Karwar Taluk, Uttara Kannada District for the purpose of  
Cemetery for Jehovah's Witnesses on lease basis in favour of Karwar  
Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Nandangadda, Karwar.

- Ref: 1.Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change,  
Regional Office, Bengaluru's letter No.F.No.4-KRB 1398/2022-BAN/1079  
dated 13-12-2022 and 12-09-2024 addressed to the Additional Chief  
Secretary to the Govt. of Karnataka, Forest, Environment & Ecology  
Department, Bengaluru and copy marked to us.
2. Govt. of Karnataka's letter No. FEE 69 FLL 2020 dated 07-11-2022
3. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation) and Nodal  
Office (FCA) Bangalore's Letter No. KFD/HOFF/A52K (GFL)/45/2018-FC,  
E-66202 dated -01-2025
4. Conservator of Forests, Kanara Circle, Sirsi's Letter No.B2/GFL/ /CR-  
35/2019-20/1508 dated 13-01-2025
- 5) Your Office letter even No. dated 29-05-2023 and
- 6) Your office Letter B4/GFL/FCA/CR-17/2019-20 DATED 27-01-2025

Respected Sir,

With reference to the above, we would like to reply to the Honourable Government's  
query as under:

1. The DC has issued a Certificate stating that there is no Government land  
available in the Shirwad Village area for the purpose of a Cemetery. This Certificate  
was given based on the Karwar Tahsildar's report sent to the AC after doing a  
detailed survey in that area. This report is already available with you in the Parivesh  
Portal.

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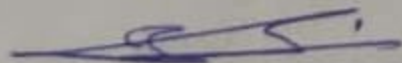
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2. As you are aware, the said 0.05 hectares of land to be allocated is part of a larger area which has been designated for Cemeteries by your goodselves and land has been assigned to various other religious groups like Catholics and Muslims in this area. The land (0.05 ha) which is kindly proposed to be assigned to Karwar Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses is located at the far end of all these Cemeteries.

Sir, we hope that with this information our application can be further processed. As you are aware we have always readily replied to all queries raised by the various authorities since last 7 years to the best of our abilities and we kindly request you to please provide the necessary information requested by the Government of India from your side as well. This will help us to get our application approved so that we can bury our dead loved ones in a proper manner.

We humbly request your help for us to complete this last formality at the earliest.

Thanking you  
Yours faithfully



Jacky D'Silva  
Co-Ordinator