

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY CONSERVATOR OF FOREST TUMAKURU DIVISION, TUMAKURU

SITE INSPECTION REPORT

The Vishveshwaraiaha Jala Nigama Limited has submitted online proposal No. FP/KA/Canal/37818/2018 for Diversion of 51.72 ha of forest land for construction of Tumkur Branch Canal in Sy. No. 31, 32, 33, 35, 37 & 38 of Bellara village, Huliyaru hobli, Sy. No. 128 of Thimmanhalli village, Kandikere hobli, Chikkanayakanhalli Taluk, Sy. No. 19, 20 of Budigudda Kaval & Sy. No. 1 of Kanvirampura, Bukkapatna hobli, Sira Taluk, Tumakuru District under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The area was inspected by me on **22**nd **December**, **2022**.

The proposed unit of land measuring 51.72 ha falls in Bukkapatana & Muttugadahalli Reserve Forest & Thimmanhalli Mutated Forest land in Bukkapatna Range, Tumakuru District. The said forest areas falls under Eco Class-III with Central Dry Zone Deciduous type of Forests. The area is sparsely vegetated with trees like acacia (Acacia Auriculiformis), Kaduseege, (Albezzia amara), Tuggli(Boswellia serrata), Dhupa (Casurina equisitifolia), Galimara (Delonix regia) KenKeasari (Diasporus melanoxylon), Aladamara (Hardwickia binnata), Kamara (Holoptelia integrifolia), Tapsi mara (Madhuka Indica), Hippe (Phyllanthus emblica) Area has been demarcated on ground by means of boundary pillars.

The proposed forest land required for construction of Tumkur branch canal is 51.72 ha but 51.32 ha of forest land belongs Bukkapatna RF which has been notified as "Bukkapatna Chinkara Wildlife Sanctuary" vide Government of Karnataka Notification No. FEE 63 FWL 2019, dated 16-05-2019. The total area of the sanctuary is 13611.47 ha which acts as a unique habitat for all 3 types of antelopes viz., Four horned antelope, Black buck and Chinkara along with other scheduled species such as Bear, Leopard, Hyena, Indian Wolf, etc., about 25 mammals, 12 amphibians, 28 reptiles, 54 butterflies and 160 avifaunal species are found in general in this forest.

Details of area proposed for diversion are tabulated as follows:

Sl. No.	District	Taluk	Range	Village	Sy. No.	Extent (in ha)	Status of Forest Land
1				Bellara	31	2.655	
2	2			Bellara	32	8.898	Muthugadahalli
3	Tumakuru	Chikkanaya	Bukkapatna	Bellara	33	4.567	"B" Black Reserve
4	ma	kanahalli		Bellara	35	3.51	Forest
5	Tun			Bellara	37	2.306	
6				Bellara	38	3.647	

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7		Chikkanaya		Thimmanahalli	128	0.40	Mutated as
		kanahalli	Bukkapatna				Forest in RTC
8		Sira	Dukkapatila	Kaniverampura	01	17.36	Bukkapatna
9		¥.		Bhudigudda Kaval	19	2.60	Reserve Forest
10					20	5.78	
				TC	TAL	51.72	×

The non-forest land parcel identified **[Table 1]** by Vishveshwaraiaha Jala Nigama Limited (User Agency) for raising of compensatory afforestation (CA) in lieu of forest land for diversion of 51.72 ha of forest in Sy. No. 31, 32, 33, 35, 37 & 38 of Bellara village, Huliyaru hobli, Sy. No. 128 of Thimmanhalli village, Kandikere hobli, Chikkanayakanhalli Taluk, Sy. No. 19, 20 of Budigudda Kaval & Sy. No. 1 of Kanvirampura, Bukkapatna hobli, Sira Taluk, Tumakuru District have been inspected by me on dated: 22-12-2022.

It is reported that the said land parcel has natural growth and plantation has been already raised by Forest Department, therefore planting is not necessary. Planting is proposed to be done in degraded forest land **[Table 2]** in consonance with the Working Plan prescriptions. I have inspected the site on dated: 02-01-2023

TABLE-1 (Non-forest CA Land)

District, Taluk & Hobli	Village	Survey Number	Extent in A-G (ha)	Plants/ha proposed to be planted	Remarks about the adjacency of the proposed land parcel to a notified forest
1	2	3	4	5	6
Tumakuru, Chikkanayaka nhalli, Kandikere	Maylukabbe	57	106-0 (A.G) 42.90 (ha)	-	Proposed Non-forest compensatory afforestation land is adjacent to Bukkapatna Reserve Forest
Tumakuru, Sira, Bukkapatna	Janakallu	21	22-00 (A.G) 8.90 (ha)	-	Reserve Forest

TABLE-2 (Degraded forest land proposed to be planted in consonance with the Working Plan Prescriptions)

Forest	Name of Forest	Forest	District, Taluk	Village	Survey	Extent in
Division		block number	& Hobli		Number	A-G (ha)
Tumakuru	Ranganathapura Eastern	G.13815- Ft48-25-	Tumakuru,	Ranganahalli	32 & 37	128-0 (A.G)
	Extension Block Reserve Forest	11, Dated 15 June 1928	Sira Taluk, Bukkapatna Hobli	Vaddanhalli	66, 67, 68	51.80 (ha)

There are 30107 trees and shrubs in the proposed area. The requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project. There is no archaeological/heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monument is located in the area.

The area Proposed for diversion 51.72 ha Forest Land in Sy. No. 31, 32, 33, 35, 37 & 38 of Bellara village, Huliyaru hobli, Sy. No. 128 of Thimmanhalli village, Kandikere hobli, Chikkanayakanhalli Taluk, Sy. No. 19, 20 of Budigudda Kaval & Sy. No. 1 of Kanvirampura, Bukkapatna hobli, Sira Taluk, Tumakuru District, is essential and required to be commissioned. Hence it is recommended for approval under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Deputy Conservator of Forests, Tumakuru Division, Tumakuru

Dated: 22-02-2023 Place: Tumakuru