

SITE INSPECTION REPORT

Proposal No.: FP/KA/WATER/44628/2020

Name of Project for which Forest Land is required: Diversion of Forest Land Near Bhakthrahalli Arasikere, Chintamani Taluk, Chikkaballapur District for Construction of Housing Chamber, Laying of Pipeline & 11 Kv Express Feeder Line for Providing Water to Chintamani City

Dates of Site inspection: 12.6.2020

A linear patch of 0.43574 ha in area is proposed to be diverted in Sy No.75 Bhaktharahalli Village which forms a part of Bhaktharahalli Minor Forest. The project is envisaged for providing drinking water to Chintamani city with Bhakthrahalli Arasikere lake as source of water under D.C. works of Nagarothana -III grants. I had inspected the site along with the jurisdictional ACF and RFO on 12.6.2020.

The proposed project passes through both forest and non-forest areas. The source of water is Bhakthrahalli Arasikere lake which lies partly in forest area. Withdrawal of water takes place from forest area because there in lies the deepest submergence point. A transformer yard, jack well cum pump house, foot bridge, water pipeline (355.60 mm dia MS water pipeline laid at a depth of 1.2m) and 11kv express feeder line are proposed to be set up in forest area. Pipeline is laid underground within the 7m area proposed to be diverted for transmission line. The length of pipeline within forest area is around 597 m as shown in the map. The dead storage of the tank is 1.75 Mcft which would ensure that the tank is never completely drained out.

The area through which the underground pipeline and overhead transmission line pass are devoid of any trees so there won't be any necessity of cutting trees. The area is less prone to soil erosion due to the land being almost flat. It doesn't form part of National Park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, elephant corridor, etc. The requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project. In their justification for locating the project in forest area the user agency has described in detail the reason for locating the project in forest area and not being able to find alternate routes which I agree to.

Since the project is vital to supply drinking water to Chintamani city which is facing severe scarcity of water it is recommended for acceptance.



Deputy Conservator of Forests

Chikkaballapur