

Recommendation

A proposal has been received from National Highways Authority of India, Mangalore through the Deputy Conservator Forests, Kundapura Division, Kundapura for the diversion of 5.195 ha of Byndoor RF extension block forest area for the slope correction in the jurisdiction of Kundapura Division.

On 18-10-2019, I Inspected the proposed site required for diversion. Due to heavy rainfall, high level of landslides were observed all along the National Highway-66(17). Already expansion of NH work is in progress, the proposed additional land is required for the stabilization of the slopes. The requirement of forest area as proposed by the User agency in Portion No. 01, 02 & 03 of Part-I total area 5.195ha. is unavoidable and it is a barest minimum requirement for the project. In the third portion 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. This is a violation of FC act.

- a) The User agency has to pay the NPV and has to bear the cost of raising of CA plantation and penalty for violation.
- b) The Forest department vehicles including the forest corporation vehicles should be exempted from toll collection charges.

On the basis of the observation cited above and the above conditions. 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).

Date: 23-10-2019


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