Recommendations

CASTELROCK - KULEM RAILWAY DOUBLING PROJECT: DIVERSION OF 7.018 HA FOREST AREA IN COLLEM RANGE, NORTH GOA DIVISION

The project aims at doubling of existing Kulem – Margao SWR Track as a part of Hospet-Tinaighat-Castelrock-Kulem-Vasco Railway Doubling Project. The existing single line from Hospet-Vasco was laid in Year 1900 and connects Iron Ore mining/Industrial Area to Marmugao Port Trust in Vasco. Due to Industrial growth and growth of tourists, the existing single Railway line capacity is saturated. To meet the increasing demand and future growth, the existing railway single line is proposed to be doubled, hence this proposal.

Since the requirement of Forest land is bare minimum and the project being site specific with no alternate available, the diversion of 7.018 ha of Forest area is recommended to the user agency.

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