**Site Inspection Report** 

Re-diversion of Forest area Proposal No: FP/KA/TRANS/42309/2019 submitted by the User Agency Executive Engineer, VJNL, Uper Bhadra Project Division-02, B.R.Project on Web portal <a href="www.parivesh.nic.in">www.parivesh.nic.in</a> has been received by this office on the web portal. The Proposed project envisages providing 220 Kv transmission line for the Upper Bhadra project, Package-1 from Varahi-Shivamogga 220 KV transmission line near Kanagalakoppa, Thirthalli taluk, Shivamogga Division to Muthinakoppa village, Koppa Division.

The Site inspection of the proposed land has been done by me on dated: 14-09-2020 along with the Assistant Conservator of Forests, Thirthalli Sub-Dvn, Thirthalli and Range Forest Officer, Mandagadde Range, Mandagadde and staff.

The user agency is requesting for the permission to carryout transmission line work for Upper Bhadra Project, Package-1 from Kanagalakoppa village to Muttinakoppa Village. The proposed land falls under 449.55 Ha of diverted land to Upper Tunga Project by MoEF vide inprinciple approval Letter No: F.No: 8-30/97-FC dated: 01-10-2003. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Stage approval for the Upper Tunga Project was approved by MoeF vide letter No:F.No:8-30/97-FC dated: 14-12-2004.

In the Proposal, user agency has furnished that the project involves construction of 6 Nos of 220 Kv towers in the Sy No: 20, 59, 60, 58, 69, 55 and 56 of Kanagalakoppa Village, Thirthalli taluk, Shivamogga district. Also stringing of 220 Kv LILO line over the towers and it requires minimum of 35m Corridor as per Norms. Totally the project requires 3.4906 Ha of forest land in Sy No: 20, 59, 60, 58, 69, 55 and 56 of Kanagalakoppa Village, Thirthalli taluk, Shivamogga district.

During Inspection the user agency has agreed that they will not damage any vegetation. But, they have submitted that some trees have to be removed which are essential to execute the work.

The project is found to be essential for the Central part of Karnataka, since the project will facilitate Drip Irrigation and Drinking water for nearly 4 Districts of the state.

Hence the "Online proposal No:FP/KA/TRANS/42309/2019 submitted by the User Agency Executive Engineer, VJNL, Upper Bhadra Project Division-02, B.R.Project " may be Considered.

Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shivamogga Division, Shivamogga