

Site Inspection Report of The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Dharwad Division, Dharwad

On 18-07-2022 and 04-11-2023 along with the Assistant Conservator of Forest, Dharwad and jurisdictional Range Forest Officer of Hubli range along with other concerned field staffs of Hubli range of Dharwad Forest Division and representatives of User Agency, I have inspected the proposed sites for Diversion of 1.62 hectare of forest land in FSY No 68 of Unkal Village of Hubli Taluka, Dharwad District, (Dharwad Forest Division) for Forest Village Conversion in favour of Hubli Journalist- Co-operative Housing Society. (Proposal No: FP/KA/Others/40823/2019).

During the inspection of the proposed sites on 18-07-2022 it was observed that at several points, artificial stones were coming inside fenced area of Nruptungabetta (difference between online proposed area and physically marked area on the ground). Hence User agency was instructed (EDS Raised on 22-07-2022 through online) to conduct another joint survey in presence of forest officials.

After that Corrections (marking of artificial stones on the ground) were made by user agency on the ground by conducting survey in the presence of forest officials.

After that marking the forest area with permanent structure (compound wall due to encroachment threat), forest department have conducted another (joint) survey along with revenue department and in presence of user agency. It was clarified that proposed area as submitted by user agency through online correctly matched with the area marked on the field with artificial stones.

User agency has made necessary corrections (EDS replied on 07-10-2023 through online) in field marking according to the proposal submitted through online.

During next inspection of proposed forest area of Dharwad division on 04-11-2023 proposed for Forest Village Conversion in favour of Hubli Journalist-Co-operative Housing Society in protected forest following points were observed.

The proposed Protected Forest area falling under jurisdiction of Hubballi Ranges of Dharwad Forest Division. Details of the forest areas proposed to be diverted is as follows:


Division Name	Range Name	Village Name	F Sy No	Total area (in ha)	No of trees proposed to be cut	Remarks
Dharwad	Dharwad	Unkal	68	1.62	—	
Total Dharwad division diversion forest area				1.62		

- The land is located at the base of Unkal hillocks, area is gently sloping, undulating terrain.
- G.P.S. readings of corners of the proposed area.

1. N-15.377422 E-75.124633	2. N-15.377710 E-75.125896
3. N-15.379299 E-75.125819	4. N-15.378142 E-75.125300
5. N-15.379370 E-75.125288	6. N-15.377956 E-75.124557
- No Rare/endangered/RET/Unique Species are found in the proposed area.
- No Wildlife/ Corridor activities are going in and around the proposed area.
- Proposed area does not fall under any Archaeological/Heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monument of protected area.
- Proposed area does not fall under any Eco Sensitive Zone (ESZ) of the protected area.
- User agency have used this land in the accordance of 30 years lease of forest land, Lease order no: AFD 218 FGL 73 Bangalore Dated: 10-12-1973 The lease was sanctioned by Karnataka State Government prior to 1980 Conservation Act (Pre FC case). (Copy attached)
- User Agency had constructed 22 houses and have been using this from prior to 1980 and also kept area reserved for park and road (already Kuccha Road exists)
- The diversion Proposal will not lead to felling of any trees.

Diversion of forest land as proposed by the User Agency is unavoidable and bare minimum of requirements, hence proposal may be recommended for the perpetual lease (it has been using from prior 1980 and it is fully developed residential area) for diversion of above said forest area for Forest Village Conversion in favour of Hubli Journalist- Co-operative Housing Society. as per the provisions prescribed in section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act-1980.

Place: Dharwad
Date: 27-11-2023


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