## **ANNEXURE-II**

## SITE INSPECTION REPORT

This is certify that, I have inspected the forest area proposed for diversion for "construction of Pump House & Pipeline for providing distribution & express feeder line of DWS to Gokarna and 7 other villages." by Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Karwar Division, Karwar. proposed 0.3202 ha. area falls in Hiregutti range, Kumta Sub Division of Honavar Division of Uttar Kannada district. The proposed project is diversion of forest area for Construction of water source from Gangavali River at Hillur Station Forest Sy.No.34 (Block No. 98) of Gundabala villages.

I have inspected the proposed forest area for diversion on 24-02-2020 along with Range Forest Officer, Hiregutti Range and staff. The proposed forest land for construction of Pump House & Pipeline is in dense evergreen forest area. with canopy density of 1.00 and above and falls in Eco-Class-I. The entire area falls in western Ghats which is one of the world mega Bio-diversity hot spots and is home to several endemic and endangered species of Flora and Fauna. These are the pristine, undisturbed, Ecologically fragile natural wilderness areas. The area receives heavy rain fall with an average of 3500 mm annually.

The forest area proposed to be diverted for the project. The propsed area falls in the villages which are included in Kasturi Rangan Committee report on ecoligical sensitive areas of Western Ghat. As the area proposed for diversion for construction of Pump House & Pipeline. The proposed project required for supply of drinking water to the expanding requrements of project for providing distribution & express feeder line of DWS to Gokarna and 7 other villages.

The proposed area does not affect any declared or notified monuments of historical religious archeological or recreation importance.

Place: Honavar Date: 24-02-2020 Deputy Conservator of Forests, Honavar Division, Honavar.