

SITE INSPECTION REPORT

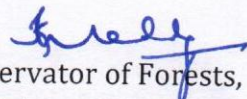
I along with Range Forest Officer, Karwar Range, Deputy Range Forest Officer & other field staff inspected the proposed cemetery for Jehovah's Witnesses in an area of 0.05 ha in Shirwada Forest survey no 17A on 25-02-2020.

Following observations were made during the field visit:

1. The proposed cemetery is just adjacent to the road in the east in Shirwada Forest survey no 17A.
2. The total area of the proposed cemetery is 0.05 ha, it's Reserve forest and adjacent forest area falls in the eco class I in the Western Ghats.
3. The proposed area is barren lateritic area which is degraded.
4. The proposed area is connected to natural forests adjacent and many unique flora and fauna found in the adjacent forest areas.
5. The flora found includes Acacia, matti, Honne, nandi, etc and the fauna includes leopards, sloth bear, jungle cat, chital, sambar deer, porcupines, peacock etc.
6. The cemetery for Jehovah's Witnesses is essential for the community because they do not have cemetery for their community. There is acute shortage of public land other than forest land in Karwar town.
7. There is no violation of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 in the proposed area. The area is intact and bare minimum.
8. There is no harm to the adjacent forest land if the diversion is made for the cemetery purpose.

Hence, it's recommended that, the forest diversion for establishment of cemetery for Jehovah's Witnesses may be made as per Forest Conservation Act, 1980 in favour of Karwar congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Nandanagadda, Karwar taluk, Uttar Kannada district.

Place: Karwar
Date: 25-02-2020


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Karwar Division, Karwar.