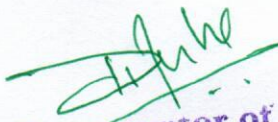


Specific recommendations of the DCF for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with reasons

The proposal for diversion of 1.894 ha. of forest land in U.M.kaval Reserve forest for widening of NH-209 may be accepted and processed for Stage-I.

However, although the area is not part of any traditional elephant corridor, elephants have been using this stretch to traverse from Bannerghatta National park to Savandurga RF in Ramangar Dist.

U.M.Kaval RF is connected to Turahalli Reserve Forest and B.M.kaval in Bangalore Urban District which serves as a continous path for elephants to move from one place to another. Multiple rounds of discussions have been held with Project Director, NHAI to propose suitable underpasses for smooth movement of elephants and other animals. Designs have been proposed by NHAI which is to be approved by Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Karnataka This after approval will be intimated to NHAI authorities for due compliance.


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