Inspection noted of Dr.G.Chandrashekar Reddy, IFS., APCCF, Hyderabad on 02.06.2020.

Present:-

- 1. Sri Ravi, CGM, HMWSS & B, Keshavapur Circle.
- 2. Sri Sudhakar Reddy, Medchal District Forest Officer
- 3. Other Staff members
- This project including the proposal for diversion of forest area is in discussion stage since formation of Telangana State in 2014. Since then the Forest Department did not do any development work in this reserve forest block. Finally it has taken shape and proposal is submitted for forest area diversion for execution of this drinking water project.
- I have inspected the Forest area it has some plain area and a rocky boundary hill area with sparse vegetation and weed. Alien invasive species like Lantana and Hyptis is rampant.
- The Keshavapur Forest block area is 409.53 Ha, comprising 242 & 243 compartments. The forest type 6A/C1-southern tropical thorn forest.
- 4. As it is a typical deccan platen terrain with underlying rock, the trees are stunted in nature. The density of the forest is about 0.1. The trees have short boles and low branching crown. The height is stunted and boles are malformed. Dodoniea, Randia are shrub species and scattered on rocky boulders.

- 5. There is a plantation raised in an area of about 25 H in plain area of the R.F. block by Hyderabad Urban Development Authority, this area is fully infested with weed. Rest of forest area is under conservation working circle.
- 6. There is no violation of the FC Act noticed.
- 7. A wildlife rehabilitation plan in adjacent forest area is must at the same time Forest, environment awareness and education in general and also specific to project surrounding areas is proposed as entire block is taken over.
- 8. Since entire block is proposed for diversion therefore the nearest forest area in ponnala R.F., Keesara R.F & Yadgarpally R.F need to improve the carrying capacity of these forest blocks. Therefore wildlife rehabilitation shall be proposed.
- The drinking water is primary requirement for increasing population in Hyderabad city, the proposal is recommended for sanction.

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