

Site Inspection Report

I have inspected the proposed site for the construction of water tank and pipeline under multi village water supply project at Kalanjimale reserve forest in Puttur taluk Dakshina Kannada District on 17-3-2016.

The proposed project aims at construction of a water tank and laying pipeline along the existing cart road that runs through the reserve forest area in Kanyana village and since the reserve forest is a hill block no survey number is assigned to the reserve forest area. The forest area demarcated for laying pipeline measured 1700 meter length and 0.45 meter width (1700 x 17 meter i.e. 0.0289 ha. Hence, the total area required for the project is $0.0765 + 0.0289$ ha = 0.1054 ha. However, the area details furnished by the user agency in Part - 1 of the application are neither consistent nor matching with the actual area demarcated and measured on the ground. The user agency has stated that the total forest area required for the project is 0.03. But, infact, the total area required is 0.1054 ha and this includes 0.0765 ha area that will be used for laying underground water pipeline. The forest area where the water tank is proposed to be constructed is an acacia plantation raised during 200 and no tree is required to be felled for the project. During my visit, no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 has been noticed. The area does not contain any protected archeological / heritage site and it is not marked area for defence establishment. Further, the area does not form national park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, and tiger reserve or elephant corridor.

Since, the project requires less than 1 ha forest area, and as per Sec. 3.2 (vii) (b) of Forest Conservation Act 1980, for the projects that requires less than 1 ha, Compensatory Afforestation shall not be insisted, the user agency has not identified area for compensatory afforestation. However, for the sake of uploading Compensatory Afforestation area details, which is mandatory in filling the online application and without which, the process of filling the form cannot be completed,

1.0 acre degraded forest in Kalanjimale reserve forest of Kulnad village (with no assigned survey number) in Puttur taluk is identified as suitable area for raising compensatory afforestation. As the project requires 0.1054 ha area which is located in an acacia plantation and that to along an existing cart road, requiring no trees to be felled, the proposal may be considered for clearance under Forest (Conservation) Act 1980.



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