

**SITE INSPECTION REPORT OF SRI.B. SRINIVAS, I.F.S., DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER, HYDERABAD (T) IN HYDERABAD (SOUTH) RANGE.**

Inspected the proposed forest area for diversion of **1859.77 Ha.** in five (5) Reserved Forest Blocks on 01-04-2016 and 09-04-2016, pertaining to Hyderabad Division in favour of Telangana State Tourism Development Corporation Limited, Hyderabad for development of Integrated Eco-Tourism Project in Rangareddy District as shown hereunder;

Sl.No	Name of the Forest Block	Area ( Ha.)
1	Salonidubba	462.60
2	Kongara Kalan	310.41
3	Guttalakancha	105.11
4	Kongara Khurd	223.55
5	Eliminedu	758.10
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1859.77</b>

These five forest blocks are contiguous and form a large chunk of forest in the vicinity of Outer Ring Road of Hyderabad city. The existing Forest type, in these five forest blocks, is Southern dry deciduous scrub Forest (5A/C3/DS1). These forest blocks are interspersed with rocky boulders and in some places, the height of hillock has gone 40 to 50 M, otherwise, the general topography is plain. The soil is predominantly red soil with varied degradation due to erosion. Some areas, like in Kongarakalan and Salonidubba have loamy fertile soils due to accumulation of leaf litter in the top soil. Some areas are highly eroded and only hardy species like Albizzia amara, Acacia catechu, Randia dumetorum, Alangium salvifolium Annona Sqamosa etc are found. Most of these good soil areas were converted in to seed origin eucalyptus plantation during eighties. Some more areas were developed with pongamia and mixed plantations.

The plantation areas in each block are as follows; Salonidubba- 155 Ha, Kongarakalan-220 Ha, Guttala kancha-85Ha, Kongara khurd-155Ha, Eliminedu-196.96 Ha. Subsequently, some new plantations like pongamia, clonal Eucalyptus and mixed plantations were taken up in the blank areas of these plantations.

General elevation of the area is 600 Mts. Density of the forest is around 0.2. Most of the natural area is under stocked. The important species are Sandra (*Acacia catechu*), Narlinga (*Albebizzia amara*), Murli or Morri (*Buchnanania lanzan*), Tirman(*Anogeissus latifolia*), Moduga ( *Butea monosperma*), Rela ( *Cassia fistula*), Maredu (*Aegle marmelos*) Palakodisha (*Writia tinctoria*) Pachhari (*Dalbergia paniculata*), Ullintha (*Diospyros chloroxylon*), Maddi (*Terminalia tomentosa*), Ippa (*Madhuca indica*), Gumpena (*Lannea grandis*). Plantation species are Kanuga (*Pongamiya pinnata*), Seema tangedu (*Cassia simea*), Teak ( *Tectona Grandis*), Eucalyptus, Acacia holosericea etc.

There are no any rare/endangered/unique species of Flora & Fauna found in this area and no protected archeological/heritage site/defense establishment or any other important monument is located in the area and it will not affect the existing forest, as all five forest blocks available in the area are proposed for diversion. The fauna available in these RF blocks are Wild boar, Jackal, fox, Mongoose, Pangolin, palm civet, Porcupine and Black Naped Hare. Reptiles includes Monitor Lizard, snakes like Cobra, Russel's viper, Rat snake etc. Avifouna consists of Grey Jungle fowl, common Grey hornbill, pea fowl, parakeets, doves, Rock pigeon, Jungle Babblers, Mynas, Bulbuls etc.

While issuing permission, the following conditions may be stipulated.

1. To improve the stocking in conservation zone with high inputs.
2. As per file No.5-1/98 FC(PT-II) dt.29-03-2005, the user agency has to deposit the operational costs for felling of required trees in the project area and the operation shall be carried out by State Forest Department.
3. The user agency shall be advised to clear minimum number of trees for infrastructure development.

The requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency in column No.2 of part-I is unavoidable and required as per the project proposal. Photographs of the forest blocks are enclosed herewith.

Divisional Forest Office