Field inspection report of Divisional Forest Officer, Ananthapuramu for Diversion of 3.582 Ha. of forest land in Compt. No.645 of Nelakonda RF (combined Nagasamudram North block) for 4/6 laning of Karnataka/Andhra Pradesh Border to Gooty Section of NH -63 form design Ch.375+740 to Ch 433+030 in the state Andhra Pradesh.

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I have inspected the proposed "Diversion of forest land of 3.582 Ha. for 4/6 laning of Karnataka / Andhra Pradesh Border to Gooty section of Gooty Range of NH – 63 from design Ch 375 + 740 to Ch 433 + 030 in the State of Andhra Pradesh" in favour of Executive Engineer, National Highways, Ananthapuramu on 19.08.2016. The road alignment of Bellary —Gunthakal-Gooty NH -63 is passing through the Pathakotha Cheruvu Gama Panchayat. The proposal for diversion of area is in two bits ie., Plot No.1 is 1.242 Ha. (3.08 Acres) and Plot No.2 is 2.339 Ha.(5.78 Acres). During the inspection, the Forest Range Officer, Gooty concerned field staff and National Highway authorities are present.

The proposed area is plain. It is noticed that, the species of *Albezzia Amara* (Chigara), *Zizyphus xylopyrus* (Gotika), *Pongamia Pinnata* (Kanuga), *Cassia auriculata* (Tangedu), *Azadirachta indica* (Neem) *etc.*, are existing. The proposed alignment is falls in Agave plantation and Bondha raised in earlier.

The proposed area stocking density is 0.10. The wild life consists of Antelope, Hare and Wild Boar etc. The said area is prone to soil erosion.

The applied area is not falling in any National Park/ Wildlife Sanctuary.

There is least impact on flora and fauna and there is no alternative option available. The proposals are in the interest of Public.

Divisional Forest Officer, Ananthapuramu.