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**Field inspection Notes of Dr. S.S. Sreedhar, IFS., Chief Conservator of Forests,
Ananthapuram Circle, Ananthapuram of the proposed forest area of 4.47 ha for
diversion in favour of M/s. Sri Sai Rocks, Chittoor, in Punganur Range of
Chittoor West Division on 15.12.2016**

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Inspected the proposed forest area of 4.47 ha for diversion applied by M/s Sri Sai Rocks, Chittoor for grant of quarry lease of colour granite along with Divisional Forest Officer, Chittoor West, Sub- Divisional Forest Officer, Madanapalle, Forest Range Officer, Punganur and field staff on 15-12-2016. The proposed area falls in Compartment Nos.103 of Boyakonda RF in Chandramakulapalle beat, Punganur range, Chittoor west division. During the inspection the areas were perambulated and it was noticed that the general topography of the area is undulated mound and with gentle slopes. Patches of granite sheet rock were observed in the area. The ground is hard strata with boulders and soil depth is shallow.


The vegetation consists of thorny scrub forests. The average height of the vegetation is about 1.5 to 2 meters. The prominent flora are Trees: *Albizia amara* (Chigara), *Cassia fistula* (Rela), *Ficus sp.* (Juvvi), *Buchanania lanzan* (Sara) etc., Shrubs: *Euphorbia sp.* (Thuhar, Jamudu) *Dodonaea viscosa* (Bandedu), *Carissa spinarum* (Kalivi), *Cassia auriculata* (Tangedu), *Diospyros chloroxylon* (Ullinda), etc., and Grasses: *Cymbopogon coloratus* (bodha gaddi) etc. Among fauna, indirect evidences of wild boar and black naped hare were found. The proposed area does not fall under any wildlife sanctuary or national park.

During inspection, the latitude and longitude of the following points were verified with Garmin 72H hand held GPS in WGS 84 datum and the coordinate readings are as follows.

Proposed Road area: Station No. 2 (N13.47557, E78.56782)

Proposed Mining area: Station No.3 (N13.47452, E78.56647)

On verification, the coordinates were found tallying with marginal difference at the fifth decimal. No activity in violation of FC Act was noticed in the proposed area. It is opined that there may not be any adverse impact on the forests in general and flora and fauna of the area in particular.


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