

### **Site Inspection Report**

I have inspected the site of 6.0728 ha. area proposed for Construction of Panchayath office building in Maninalkuru Block – II at Sy.No. 124/P of Maninalkuru village of Batwal Taluk, Dakshina Kannada district on 31-1-2017.

During my inspection and document verification it was found that in the area proposed for diversion, Karnataka Cashew Department Board has raised cashew plantation. There are 113 trees standing in the area and out of which 95 trees are cashew plantation. At the time of my inspection, no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 is noticed. The area does not contain any protected archeological / heritage site. Further, the area does not form a part of any reserve forest, national park, wild life sanctuary, biosphere reserve and tiger reserve or elephant corridor. However, since the area is in the sea coast, it comes under the CRZ regulations.

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 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.

Since, the proposal is for a public cause and the area contains Cashew plantation, the proposal may be considered for clearance under Forest (Conservation) Act 1980.

  
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