



KARNATAKA FOREST DEPARTMENT

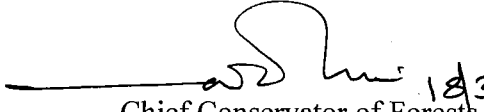
No: Bhoomi/Minihydel Project/CR-10/2013-14

Office of the
Chief Conservator of Forests
Kodagu Circle, Madikeri.
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Inspection Note

On 17th March, 2017, I along with DCF Wildlife Madikeri, RFO Pushpagiri WLS and RFO Somvarpete range inspected the Mini Hydel Project site across Kumaradhara in Kumarahalli Village, Shantalli Hobli and Somvarpete Taluka. Following are some of the observations :

- The Hydel Project is constructed by Kodagu Hydel Project Pvt Ltd., Bengaluru and is already commissioned. It's a *fait accompli* case.
- Kodagu Hydel Project Pvt Ltd., Bengaluru, has been granted 2 acres in 2008 in Sy No 1/9P2 vide MR No 45/2007-08 dt 16.06.2008. The status of the land is *Paisari* as per the RTC.
- *Paisari* land – All waste and forest lands which are declared by Section 42 of the Coorg Land and Revenue Regulation to the property of the Government, and which have not been notified in the Coorg Gazette as protected forests under section 29 of Act XVI of 1927 or as forests reserved under section 3 of the same Act.
- Though the area granted is 2 acres, the project occupies more than 2.35 acres excluding the road, building and the transmission line. It was informed that the buildings and road come in private lands – Redeemed sagu lands. The transmission line which is 22.42 kms passes through private as well as government land.
- The project is located at a distance of 1.63 km from the boundary of the Pushpagiri Wildlife Sanctuary which is rich in endangered fauna and flora including King Cobra, Elephants, Tiger, Lion Tailed Macaque to name a few.
- Elephants are using this landscape and as of now a herd is creating crop and property loss in the region.


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