


Site Inspection Report

I have inspected the site of 0.01255 ha. area proposed for underground drinking water pipeline from the edge of the reserve forest to Kalmale enclosure in Veerakamba reserve forest (The reserve forest area has not been assigned any survey numbers) in Veerakamba village of Bantwal Taluk, Dakshina Kannada district on 25-3-2017.

During my inspection and document verification it was found that in the area proposed for diversion, no tree is required to be cut. 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 national park, wild life sanctuary, biosphere reserve and tiger reserve or elephant corridor.

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. Further, **since, this is an underground pipeline for drinking water, approval state government is sufficient and no need of central government approval.**

Since, the proposal is for a public cause and no tree is required to be cut the proposal may be considered for clearance under Forest (Conservation) Act 1980.


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