

Development of Freedom Fighters Memorial at Patradevi and Areas surrounding the Memorial- Phase I

The area proposed for clearance under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Development of Freedom Fighters Memorial at Patradevi and Areas surrounding the Memorial- Phase I is located in Torxem Village of Pernem Taluka, North Goa District, North Goa Forest Division, Goa State has been inspected by the undersigned on 01/06/2017.

Total forest area required for the said project is 0.9261 ha of Sy. No. 135, which is a Reserved Forest area. The said forest area is Slopy terrain with tree vegetation. The area is not prone to soil erosion. The area appears to be frequented by wild animals like Wild Boar, Gaur, Hare, Leopard, snakes & avifauna such as Peacock and Jungle Fowl, though no direct sightings was noticed at the time of site inspection.

Enumeration of trees has been carried out within the forest land proposed for diversion and the total number of trees is found to be 258 nos. Tree species like *Terminalia tomentosa*, *Terminalia paniculata*, *Pongara baduranga*, *Acacia auriculformis*, *Anacardium occidentale*, *Terminalia bellerica*, *Carea arborea*, *Alestonia scholaris*, *Mangifera indica*, *Kokum* & Misc. are found. Entire stretch of forest area, on an average is having open tree vegetation. The overall average **canopy density** of the area is about **0.3**.

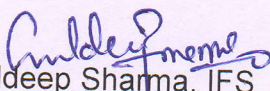
The proposed area is not inside any Eco Sensitive Zone.

The aim of the project is to enhance the touristic significance of Freedom Fighters memorial at Patradevi keeping the feelings for the Martyrs intact & to create Welcoming entry point for tourists entering Goa.

Recommendations: Since the requirement of Forest land is bare minimum and the project being site specific with no alternate site available, the diversion of 0.9261 ha of Forest area is recommended to the user agency.

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Place: Ponda- Goa


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