KARNATAKA FOREST DEPARTMENT

No: Bhoomi/ Tribal Rehabilitation /CR-07/2017-18

Office of the Chief Conservator of Forests Kodagu Circle, Madikeri. Dated: 05.09.2017

Inspection Note

I have inspected this diversion area on 05.09.2017, this is a small patch of moist deciduous forest on the left side of the road leading to Polibetta from Thithimathi. It is an isolated patch of 56.36 Acres (22.80 Ha) of Bhadragola village, Mavakal reserved forest, bearing Sy No 303. Vegetation includes predominately *Terminalia tomentosa*, *Lagerstroemia lanceolata*, *Tectona grandis*, *Dalbergia latifolia*, *Ceiba pentendra*, *Syzygium cumini*, *Pterocarpus marsupium* etc. It is part of buffer area of Nagarahole Tiger Reserve and fauna includes elephants, dholes and other sympatric ungulates.

As this is an isolated patch surrounded by Coffee estates on 3 sides and public road on northern side, it make sense to divert this land for rehabilitation of tribal's from Nagarhole Tiger reserve in larger conservation perspective. Though the land in question requires felling of nearly 1630 big trees, and many more saplings, The rehabilitation of tribals from the core-area of Tiger reserve has got primary importance. There was no other suitable land convenient to these indigenous people available near the tiger reserve. Hence I concur with the observation of Deputy Conservator of Forests, Virajpet Division and recommend this diversion positively.

Chief Conservator of Forests Kodagu Circle, Madikeri.