

Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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To

The Additional Chief Secretary (Forests)
Department of Environment, Forest and Wildlife
Government of Karnataka
Bangalore.

Sub: Diversion of 0.4928 ha. of forest land in Sy. No. 215A1A, Arav village, Savanthawada Hobli, Karwar Taluk, Uttara Kannada District for establishment of Building Stone Quarry and its approach road in favour of M/s. Sai Ram Enterprises, Gaonger, Majali, Karwar.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to Government of Karnataka dated 30.06.2025 on the above mentioned subject, seeking approval of Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. In this regard after examination of the proposal in the Ministry, the following shortcoming is observed:

- i. As per the State Government, a temporary working permission was given by the then Conservator of Forests, Kanara Circle vide letter dated 20-12-1994. The State shall provide a detailed action taken report on the breaking of forest land without prior approval of the Government of India.
- ii. The State shall provide proper justification of opening a new mine in compliance of Para 7.8 of Chapter 7 of the Consolidated guidelines, 2023 pertaining to general guidelines for mining proposal.
- iii. The proposed forest area falls under Not-in High Conservation Value (HCV) Zone as per Decision Rule 1. However, as per Decision Rule 2, out of 2 GRIDS (size: 1km x 1km) one GRID is having score more than 70. Moreover, the major part of the proposed forest area falls in the GRID which is having score more than 70 which is a GRID with High Conservation Value (DSS Report Enclosed). In this regard the comments of the State Govt. shall be provided.
- iv. The details of the Safety zone along the mining area is not available. The same shall be provided. Revised KML may be submitted in this regard.
- v. The proposed forest area for diversion is located at an approx. aerial distance of 3.57 km from Cotigaon Wildlife Sanctuary (Goa). The comments of the CWLW Karnataka from the conservation point of view shall be provided.
- vi. The area proposed for diversion is less than 1 ha and therefore CA is not

applicable. However, as per the Rule 13 (5) of the Consolidated Guidelines 2023, an undertaking that a plantation of minimum no. of 100 plants shall be carried out needs to be submitted by the State Government.

2. In view of the above, the Government of Karnataka is requested to submit the information/documents, as indicated above, for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

Encl; As above

Sd/-

(S. Sundar)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

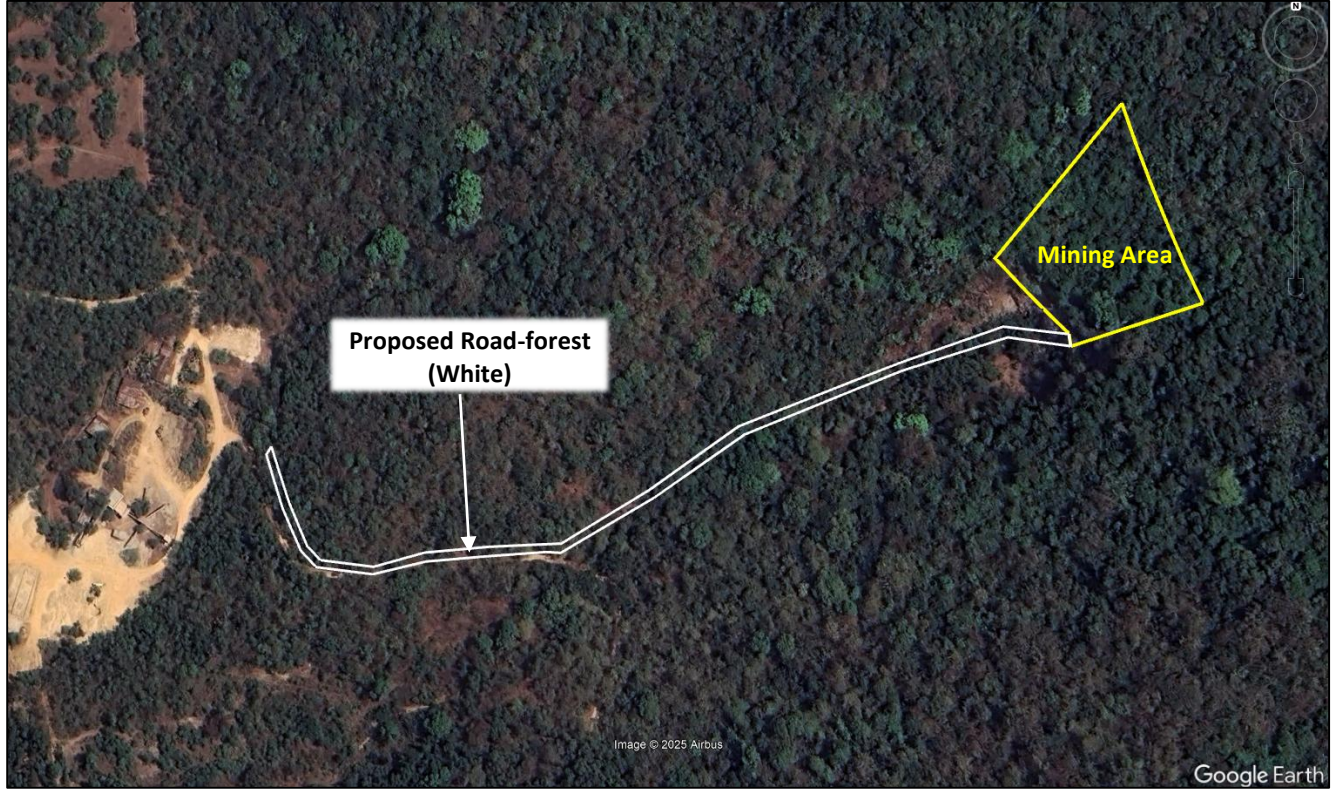
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1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.
2. The DDGF (Central), Regional Office, Bangalore, MoEF&CC, Gol.
3. The APCCF-cum-Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Karnataka.
4. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF& CC, New Delhi.
5. User Agency.

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Proposal: : Diversion of 0.4928 hectare of forest land in Sy.No.215AIA, Arav Village Savanthawada Hobli, Karwar Taluk, Uttara kannada District for establishment of Building Stone Quarry and its Approach Road in favour of IWS Sai Ram Enterprises, Gaonger, Majali, Karwar.

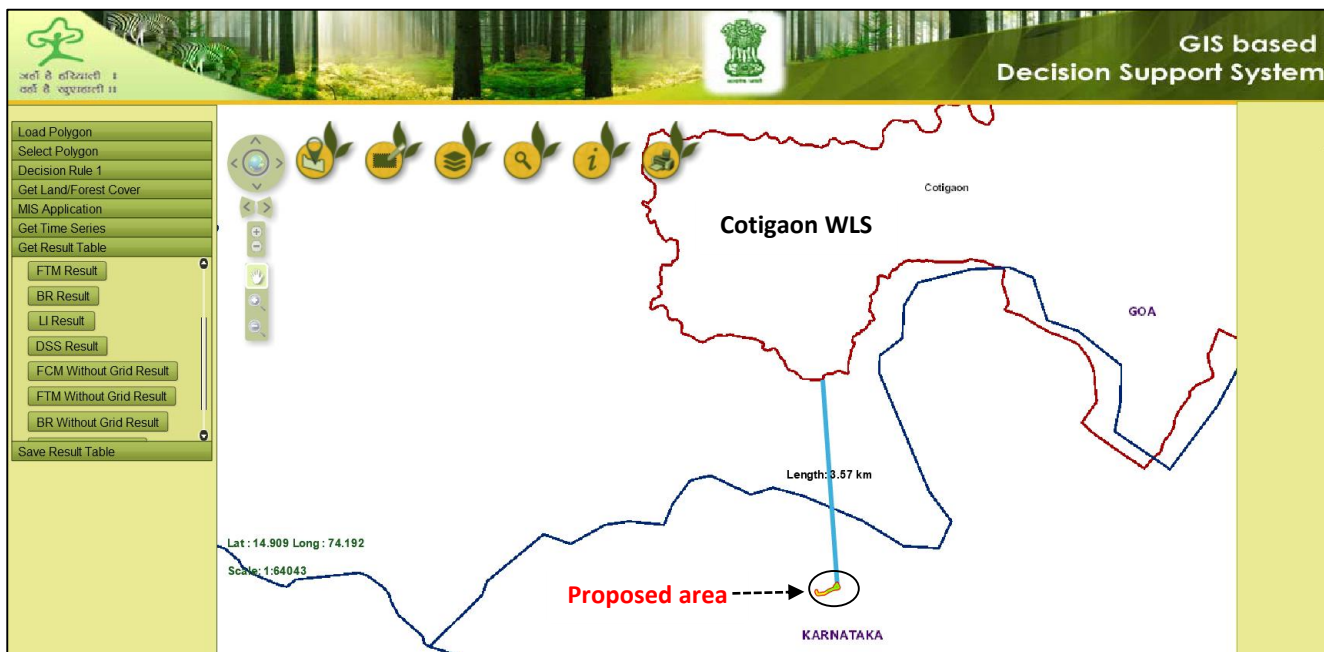
Analysis of Land proposed for diversion



1. Proposed forest land for diversion falls under Uttar Kannad district of Karnataka State and its area (software-calculated) is found 0.491 ha.

Component Name	Area (ha)
Mining Area	0.336
Approach road	0.155
Total	0.491

2. Observation based on Google Earth: construction and road is visible.
3. Proposed forest area falls under Not-in High Conservation Value (HCV) Zone as per Decision Rule 1. However, as per Decision Rule 2, out of 2 GRIDS (size: 1km x 1km) one GRID is having score more than 70. Moreover, the major part of the proposed forest area falls in the GRID which is having score more than 70 which is a GRID with High Conservation Value.
4. The details of the Safety zone along the mining area is not available.
5. The proposed forest area for diversion is located at an approx. aerial distance of 3.57 km from **Cotigaon Wildlife Sanctuary (Goa)**. A DSS map is attached below for reference.

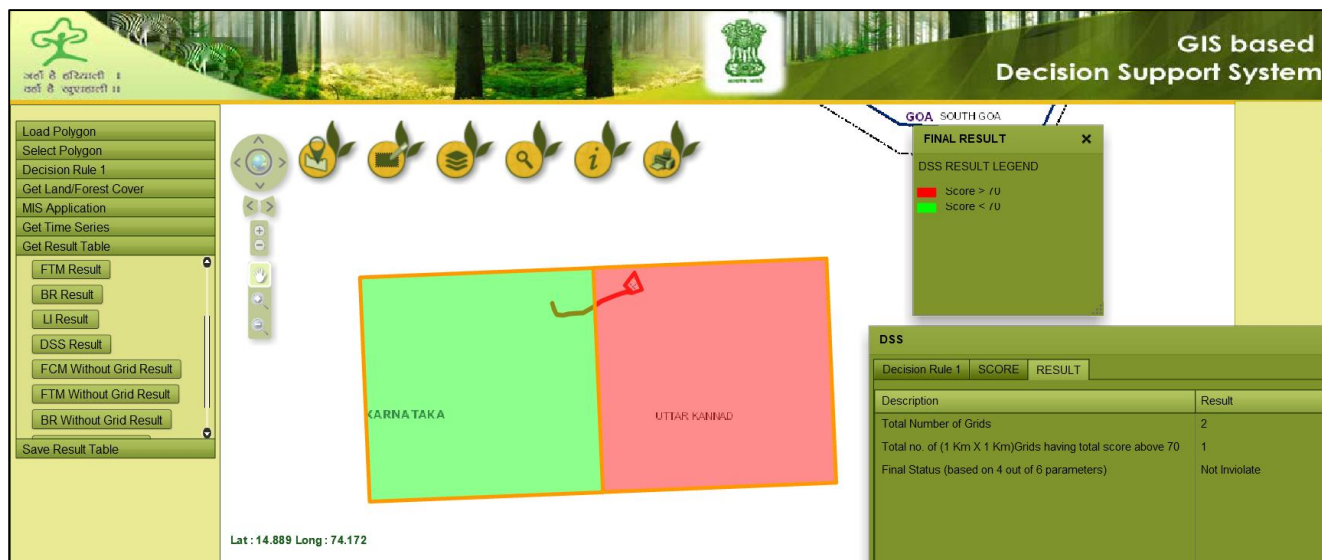


Decision Rule 1:

Whether forms part of:

- I. Hydrological Layer:
 - a. Major River: N/A
 - b. Wetland (Area more than 10 ha.): N/A
 - c. Water bodies (irrigation/Hydropower/water storage): N/A
- II. Very Dense Forest patch (>1 sq km): N/A
- III. Remnant Forest Type: N/A
- IV. Protected area/Tiger Reserves/Tiger corridors: N/A

Decision Rule 2 (Grid selection based on without 50% rule):



DESCRIPTION	RESULT
Total Number of Grids	2

Total no. of (1 Km X 1 Km) Grids having total score above 70	1
Final Status (based on 4 parameters)	Not In High Conservation Value Zone

GRIDID	SCORE FCM	SCORE FTM	SCORE BR	SCORE LANDSCAPE	AGGREGATE SCORE
2970405	71.02	81.94	83.41	60.69	74.26
2970404	31.2	26.64	35.03	58.43	37.82

Forest Cover Map: In terms of standards followed in ISFR 2021 (interpretation of satellite data period 2019-2020) regarding density classes:



Compensatory Afforestation (CA) Land

The details and KML file of CA land is not available on PARIVESH website. Therefore, the analysis of CA land can not be carried out.

Submitted Please.

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1.08.2025