

# Kodagu Ekikarana Ranga

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To

09.02.2026

Shri Eshwar Khandre  
Hon'ble Minister–Forest, Ecology & Environment  
Government of Karnataka  
Room 36 & 37, Ground Floor,  
Vikasa Soudha Bangalore-560001

Sir,

**Sub: Memorandum seeking rejection of the demand for budgetary sanction and proposals on PARIVESH portal for New Road through Pushpagiri Sanctuary**

**Ref:**

1. News Reports on Madikeri MLA seeking budgetary sanction for Pushpagiri Road
2. Proposal No.WL/KA/SRY/531822/2025 pending on PARIVESH portal
3. Proposal No.FP/KA/ROAD/562434/2025 pending on PARIVESH portal
4. Order of Central Empowered Committee to the Hon'ble Supreme Court dt.24.02.2012
5. Policy decision of MoEF &CC vide Circular F.No.6-62/2013WL dated 22-12-2014
6. Directions of the Hon'ble NGT to the Chief Secretary to initiate action on violations

In response to the News Reports referred at(1)above, we wish to bring to your kind notice that a fresh attempt to revive the construction of the Road through Pushpagiri Sanctuary, as referred above, is being launched, without an iota of knowledge on the sordid saga of legal violations of Court interventions as referred at (4) & (6) above.

In short, the following are the key legal issues that prohibit the construction of the New Road through the Pushpagiri Sanctuary –

1. That the IA No.2530 of 2009 was filed before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India which directed The Central Empowered Committee(CEC) to carry out a site inspection;
2. That the CEC vide its Order dt. 24.02.2012 concluded that the irresponsible actions of the then officials and elected representatives, acting in defiance of the Hon'ble

Supreme Court had undermined the majesty of the highest Court of the land;

3. That the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal vide Order dt.13.12.2022 had directed that the Chief Secretary to ensure compliance of action within three months;

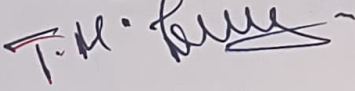
It appears that no action has been taken by the Chief Secretary, Karnataka in this regard and shockingly, a fresh attempt is being made to once again rake up the Pushpagiri Road construction.

We also wish to draw your kind attention to the Policy decision of the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, as referred at (5) above, which specifies that no new road shall be constructed in National Parks and Sanctuaries.

Further, we submit that vied Affidavits filed by the then senior officers before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India/CEC, it has been stated that such road constructions will not be permitted. Not with standing the above legal position and embarrassing situation that senior officers including the Chief Secretary had to face, we submit that it would be legally prudent not to pursue this proposal.

In view of the legal position, as explained above, we kindly request you to intervene appropriately and review the entire issue and further ensure that no budgetary sanction is accorded and the proposals on Parivesh Portal as referred at (2) & (3) are rejected by relevant authorities who are also copied on this memorandum after recording the above facts.

For Kodagu Ekikarana Ranga



T M Somaiah  
(Secretary)

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