

Project No. 5

Sector	Eco-Restoration (Forestry)
Name of the Project	Forest development project of Mincheri RF, Ballari Taluk
Proposal submitted by	Karnataka Forest Department
Total Project Cost	Rs. 2006 Lakhs (Approx. INR 20.06 Cr)
Coverage	MincheriRF: 995.52 Ha.
Project Duration	7 years
Project Implementing Agency	Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari
Objective	Restoration of mining affected forest area
Output	<p>1. Forest Boundary Consolidation Works – 24 Km</p> <p>2. Afforestation works in forest areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Model A: Ecological Restoration-200 Ha • Model B: ANR Plantation-100 Ha • Model D: Artificial regeneration-100 Ha <p>3. Afforestation works in outside forest areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Model E: Strip plantation - 20 kms • Model F: Institutional planting- 10 Ha • Model H: Seedlings for public distribution- 33,000 nos. per annum
Justification	<p>The total area of Mincheri RF is 995.52 Ha. There are some mines adjoining to Mincheri RF and revenue areas. There are some sponge iron industries surrounding the RF. Intensive transportation activities of iron ore have damaged the forest roads, and the dust pollution has affected the forest regeneration and quality of forest.</p> <p>In addition to this, grazing, browsing, encroachments have also adversely affected the forest area.</p> <p>Therefore, this project is being proposed for funding from KMERc under CEPMIZ to restore the forest area and for improvement of tree cover in non-forest areas, which would reduce pressure on forest, as well as improve sustainability of farming, among others.</p>