

Are We Conserving Ecological Balance.....?

In the ecological balance western ghats has played very important role. However, from past 20-25years western ghats could not tolerate pernicious effects of the so-called Development. At this time of dangerous circumstances, protecting and conserving the ecological balances is prime responsibility of every citizen.

As everyone aware, with practical reports and some duration of dedicated efforts in the villages of western ghats, the area of 1,29,037 sq. km of ghats has been classified into Ecological Sensitive Zones-1,2,3 in Madhav Gadgil report. An autocratic decision of throwing this 522 pages Madhav Gadgil report to trash has been made without considering negative remarks and not instigating awareness of it to the people.

In 2013 Kasturi Rangan report was submitted to environmental ministry. Report categorises only Ecological Sensitive Zone that too of 60,000 sq. km area. In lieu of 77,000 sq. km forest area i.e., there is a wavier of 17000 sq. km. The government had neglected these reports without instigating a discussion of pros & cons of the report with people.

Why do we have to reject whole report?

Yes, there is difference of opinions in different aspect of the report. Instead of discussing with community, correcting the report and adopting it. Dramatically disregarding complete report does not make sense.

In our opinion, Madhav Gadgil report completely picturises actuality among the rest. However, in the current situation according to draft notification by government of India to declare 56,000 sq. km of forest area as Ecological Sensitive zone is exigency.

Government's every decision is community decision. Would like to inform you that it's a prime responsibility of every citizen as mentioned in Article 51A-g to protect the western ghats and people should also express their feelings and come forward in deciding such a crucial matter.

"It is important and lawful duty to publish all gazette & notification in regional languages whenever the Government of India notifies".

With Regards

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