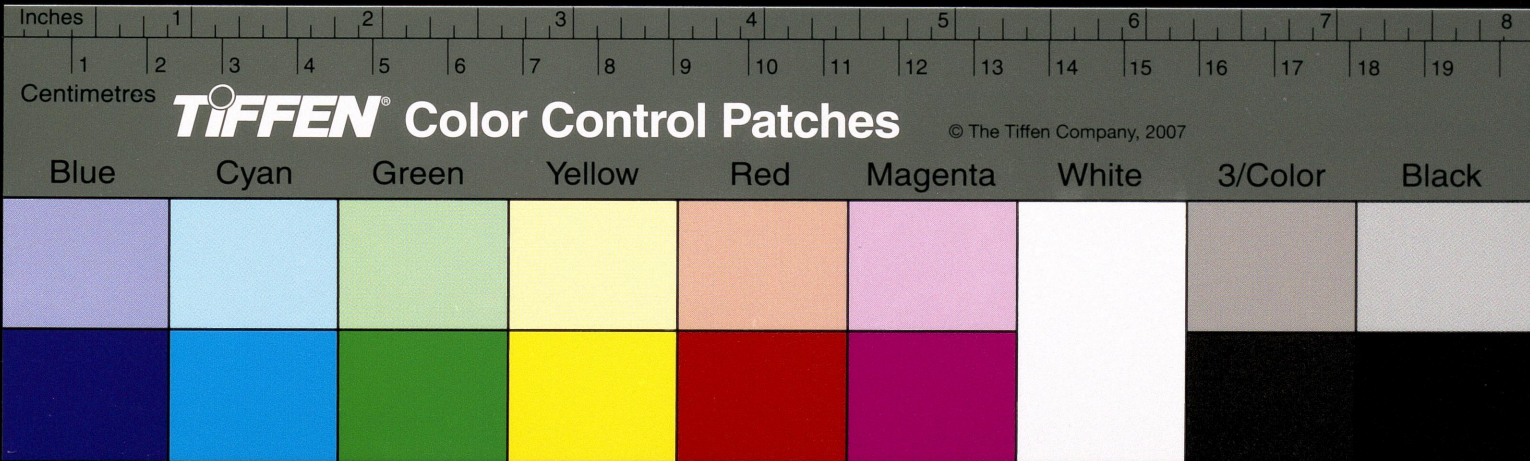


Dear Mr. Fitchally:

Could you send ^{me} your
comments on this? If possible
also write to the Forest Dept.
and for take it up through
your other channels? I'd be
glad of your view before writing



a "letter to the Editor" etc.

Sincerely

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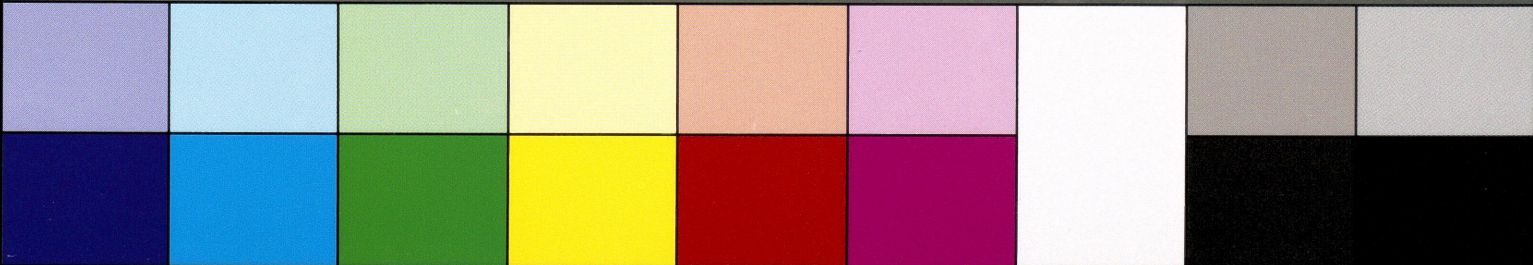
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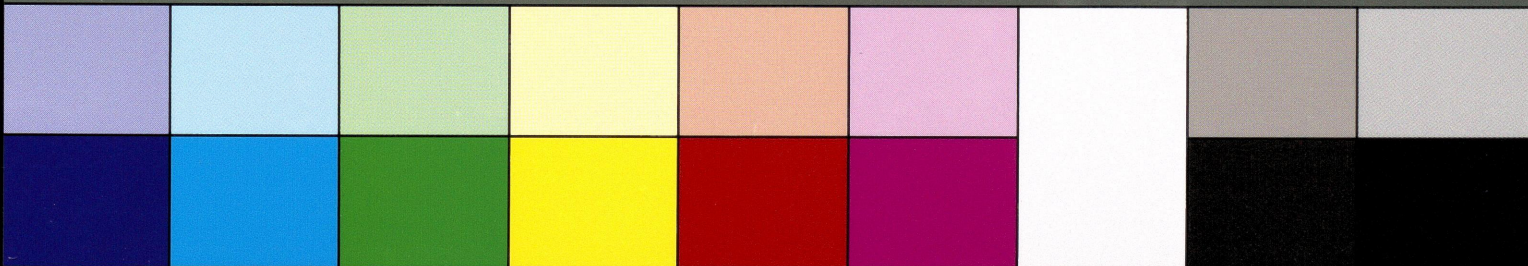
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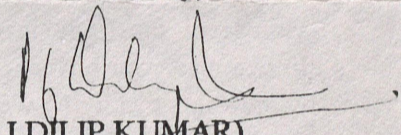
(there is already a boundary trench, for instance) and leave the area to the wildlife. In any case please preserve whatever reedbeds and aquatic vegetation is left, on the far side.

3) Deepening of the tank bed is going on vigorously , but I wonder where the silt is being dumped. If it is going to be all dumped on the "island" and the "jogging tracks", it is going to cause many- fold damage, the lake bed is going to be lifeless for many years, the vertical cuts will make the water spread edges unsuitable for wading birds, the silt is likely to be disturbed rendering the water turbid and preventing vegetation, and construction of the islands & "jogging tracks" will only cut down the surface area. Since they have already started building up the "island", I would request you to ensure that its sides are given a gradual slope, and similarly for the shoulders of the "jogging track". Wherever the lake bed has been excavated, it would be essential to give a gentle slope to the sides so that the habitat is suitable to waders as the water recedes every year. Also vegetation should be reintroduced using the local species like reeds, aquatic plants already growing there etc. The "wetland" area (where the sewage is going to be clarified and treated) should likewise have reed beds etc. instead of cement or plastic lining.

4) This lake is a precious wildlife refuge. I would strongly urge that there should not be any encouragement of water sports, boating, etc. which will disrupt the ecology & wildlife. Compared to the damage that so called "development" does, I think local people doing some fishing or taking some fodder is far less damaging.

In conclusion, I request you to closely monitor the development so that it doesn't become a sterile pond!

Yours Sincerely,


(P.J.DILIP KUMAR) 3. 0 2.00

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- 2) The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Karnataka,Bangalore.
- 3) The Secretary II, Ecology & Environment, Bangalore.
- 4) The Conservator of Forests, Bangalore Circle,Bangalore.

