

F. No. 8-58/2016-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
(FC Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Aliganj, Jor Bag Road,
New Delhi - 110003.

Dated: 12 January, 2017

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
State Government of Karnataka,
Bangalore,

Sub: Diversion of 72.177 ha of forest land in Sy. No. 1/1 of Bhutaramanahatti village, Belgaum Taluk and District for Establishment of Rani Chennamma University in favour of the Registrar, Rani Chennamma University, Belgaum.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government letter No. FEE 101 FLL 2016 dated 04.10.2016 submitting above subject proposal for approval of the Central Government under Section- 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The proposal of State Govt. was placed before Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in its meeting held on 26th December, 2016. The detailed minutes of the FAC meeting held on 26th December, 2016 is placed on the website of this Ministry: www.forrestclearance.nic.in. After thorough deliberation in the said FAC meeting, the FAC inter-alia recommended that:

1. Regional Office shall carry out inspection and submit Site inspection report (SIR). The matter stands deferred till such time.
2. State Government to explain the circumstances under which reserve forest was considered as gomel land and lease was executed in violation of provision of Forest Conservation Act, 1980.
3. State Government shall fix the responsibility of officials for carrying out violation of provision of Forest Conservation Act, 1980.

In view of the above, the State Government is requested to furnish the information/ documents as indicated in point No. 2 and 3 above, for further necessary action in the matter.

Yours faithfully


(Sandeep Sharma) 12.1.17

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.
2. The Nodal Officer, O/o the PCCF, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.
3. The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Regional Office, Bangalore **with a request to carry out site inspection of the forest land and submit a report to this Ministry as per recommendation of FAC.**
4. Monitoring Cell, FC Divisions, MoEF&CC.
5. Guard File


(Sandeep Sharma) 12.1.17

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)