

File No.8-58/2016FC

Government of India
 Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
 (Forest Conservation Division)

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 New Delhi: 1100 03,
Dated: 10th December, 2020

To,

The Additional Chief Secretary (Forests),
 Department of Forests & Environment,
 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-reg. Online Proposal No. FP/ KA /SCH/ 20566/2016-Reg

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the D.O. letter dt 11.09.2020 from Hon'ble Chief Minister, Karnataka addressed to Hon'ble Minister, EF&CC, New Delhi in which it was requested to consider providing *post-facto* FC clearance to the University in the interest of providing education to the students of the backward border regions.

2. In this regard it is inform that the proposal was considered by the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC), in its meeting on 21st October 2020. After thorough deliberations and discussion with the Nodal Officer (FCA), Deptt. of Forests, Govt. of Karnataka; FAC deferred the proposal. It was also decided that the Govt. of Karnataka shall provide details as contained in the FAC meeting of 19.06.2018 along with rationalized forest area proposed for diversion, details of forest areas & non-forest areas available in the vicinity, details related with violation of the FCA, 1980, measures taken/ to be taken for preventing violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act 1980, etc. In the meeting it was also decided that next time the matter will be deliberated in presence of Additional Chief Secretary (Forests) and PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forests, Govt. of Karnataka.

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In view of the above, the State Government is requested to submit the information/clarification/documents as indicated above, to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully


(Shrawan Kumar Verma)

Dy. Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.
2. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.
3. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office (Southern Zone), MoEF&CC, Bangalore.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.