

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

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.

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The State Government of Karnataka vide their letter No. FEE 101 FLL 2016 dated 04.10.2016 was submitted the above subject proposal to Regional Office, Bangalore. But the Regional Office, Bangalore vide their letter no. 4-KRA 1099/2016-BAN/1012 dated 15.11.2016 forwarded this proposal for Establishment of Rani Chennamma University in favour of the Registrar, Rani Chennamma University, Belgaum to FC Division of MoEF&CC, New Delhi for processing .

1. The facts related to the proposal as contained in the State Government's letter dated 04.10.2016 are given below in the form of fact sheet:

FACT SHEET

1.	Name of the Proposal	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.
2.	Location (i) State (ii) District	Karnataka Belagavi
3.	Particulars of Forests: (i) Name of Forest Division and Forest area involved. (ii) Legal status/Sy.No.	Belagavi Forest Division 72.176 ha (178 acre & 14 gunts) Reserve Forest
4.	Vulnerability to erosion	Not Much
5.	(ii) Density (iii) No. of trees enumerated/to be actually felled	30 to 40% 4476 Nos of trees (Pg-51/c)
6.	Whether forms part of National park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor, etc. (if so, details of the area and comments of the Chief Wildlife Warden	No
7.	Whether any RET species of flora and fauna are found in the area. If so details thereof	No
8.	Approximate distance of the proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest.	Proposal is within the Reserve Forests

9.	Whether any protected archaeological/ heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monuments is located in the area.	No
10.	Whether any work of in violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 has been carried out (Yes/No). If yes details of the same including period of work done, action taken on erring officials. Whether work in violation is still in progress.	Yes, Deputy Conservator of Forests has given certificate that the 178 acre & 14 gunta of the proposed land was granted to Karnataka University Dharwad by Deputy Commissioner belagavi vide order No . RD/LBP/CR/98/89-90, dtd. 15.03.1990 considering it as gomal land (gairana) but the said granted land is a part of Fs. No. 1/1 of Bhuthramanhatti Reserved Forest having an area of 196 acre & 14 guntas which was notified vide notification No. AFD/13/FAP/60/BNG, dtd. 28.07.1960. As per the grant, The user agency carried out non forestry activity. The user agency has deposited Rs. 5.00 lakhs on 07.02.1993 and Rs. 9.40 lakhs on 05.01.1995 towards the compensatory afforestation charges. The user agency completed the construction of 3 buildings in 1995 is self, thus violating the Forest Conservation Act, 1980. (pg-33/c)
11.	Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency in col. 2 of Part-I is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project, if no recommended area item-wise with details of alternatives examined.	Yes
12.	Whether clearance under the Environment (protection) Act, 1986 is required?	No
13.	Compensatory Afforestation	
	(i) Details of non-forest area/degraded forest area identified for CA, its distance from adjoining forest, number of patches, size of each patches.	It is reported by DCF, Belagavi that the details of CA area released by the Deputy Commissioner, Belagavi as per order no. RB/LND/CR-618/2000-01 dated 24.04.2002 and order no. RS/LND/CR—618/2000-01 dated 28.05.2016 is given (pg. 45/c) .
	(ii) Map showing non-forest/degraded forest area identified for CA and adjoining forest boundaries.	Map : pg. 38/c-41/c
	(iii) Detailed CA scheme including species to be planted, implementing agency, time schedule, cost structure, etc.	Detailed CA Scheme is not given.
	(iv) Total financial outlay for CA	
	(v) Certificate from the	Suitability certificate dated 15.07.2016 has

	competent authority regarding suitability of the area identified for CA and from management point of view.	been given by DCF, Belagavi division, Belagavi (pg-42/c)
14.	Catchment Area Treatment	NA
15.	Rehabilitation of Oustees a) No of families involved b) Category of families c) Details of rehabilitation plan	Nil NA NA
16.	Employment likely to be generated a) Whether the project is likely to generate employment b) Permanent/ Regular Employment (Number of person) c) Temporary Employment (Number of person-days)	Teaching and Non-Teaching staff of 200 members at present working and there is a scope for about 1000 members when fully developed (pg-10/c).
17.	Compliance of Scheduled Tribe and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006	Certificate of Deputy Commissioner & District Magistrate, Belagavi regarding FRA for an area of 178 acres and 14 guntas has submitted. However, copies of Gram Sabha Resolution are not given. Thus, compliance on FRA is in-complete. (pg-142/c)
18.	Site Inspection Report by DFO	Pg-55/c
19.	Cost Benefit Ratio	It is stated that cost benefit analysis is not applicable as Rani Channamma university is a non -profit organization.
20.	Total Cost of the Project	Rs 10,000 Lakhs (Pg-10/c)
21.	Recommendation	
	DCF	The user agency has already violated Forest Conservation Provisions by constructing administrative, library and other buildings which are being used since establishment of the Post Graduation Centre. As approximate 1000 students are getting a Post Graduation every year. The Proposed Forest land is recommended for diversion to Rani Channamma University for the above said purpose. (Pg-12-13/c)
	CCF	The forest land proposed for diversion has already been granted in favour of the user agency and the post graduate centre has already been established in violation of the Forest Conservation Act, 1980. Therefore, the proposal is recommended for obtaining post-facto approval for diversion of 72.176 ha of forest land. (Pg-14/c)
	PCCF	Recommended subject to condition. (Pg-

		151-153/c)
	SG	Recommended (Pg-4/c)
22.	District Profile	
	(i) Total Geographical area of the district	432510 ha
	(ii) Total Forest area/ Divisional Forest area	1432.16 sq. km.
	(iii) Total area diverted since 1980	Stage-I 297.893 ha (3 nos cases) Stage-II 756 ha (13 nos cases)
	(iv) Total CA stipulated since 1980 (Forest land)	
	a. Forest land including penal CA	356.46 ha
	b. Non Forest Land	642.62 ha
	(v) Progress of Compensatory Afforestation	
	a. Forest land	95.00 ha
	b. Non -Forest land	127.00 ha

Other Remarks

- (i) The purpose wise break-up is as follows:

S. No.	Purpose	Extent
1	Faculty cum department building	4.047
2	Boys Hostel	0.809
3	Ladies hostel	0.809
4	Guest House	0.809
5	Quarters	8.094
6	Approach road including land acquired for national highway (H-4)	20.235
7	Play Ground	8.094
8	Water tank	0.405
9	indoor stadium	4.047
10	Garden	10.117
11	open area	10.579
	Total:	

- (ii) Regional office, Bangalore in their forwarding letter mentioned that the site inspection of the proposed area may be carried out before taking a decision on the proposal. Accordingly, the Regional Office, Bangalore requested to carry out SIR vide this Ministry's letter dated 23.12.2016.

In view of above, the facts related to the above proposal may be placed before FAC in its forthcoming meeting scheduled to be held on 26th December, 2016 for their examination and appropriate recommendation.