

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: 24 July, 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 said proposal was placed before Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in its meeting held on 26th December, 2016 and 15th June, 2017. The detailed minutes of the FAC meetings are placed on the website of this Ministry: www.forrestclearance.nic.in.

2. FAC in its meeting held on 15th June, 2017 after thorough deliberation and interaction with user agency observed that there appears to be a number of violations, perhaps deliberately, in the past. Therefore, the proposal is deferred to next FAC meeting. It is desired that the ACS (Forests) to Government of Karnataka, PCCF(HOFF) Karnataka and Nodal Officer (FCA) Karnataka will be requested to attend the next FAC meeting in New Delhi and clarify these issues.

In view of the above, the State Government is requested to depute the above- mentioned officials of State Govt. of Karnataka along-with relevant documents to attend the next meeting of FAC scheduled to be held in the month of August, 2017 at 4th Floor, Krishna Conference Hall, Jal Wing, Indira.Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh, Aliganj, New Delhi-110003. The same may be confirmed to the undersigned so that the proposal be included in the agenda of next meeting of FAC for discussion .

Yours faithfully


(Sandeep Sharma) 24.7.17

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)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)