

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

No. FEE 57 FLL 2014

Karnataka Government Secretariat
M.S.Building,
Bangalore, Dated: 30-03-2015

From:

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Forest, Ecology and Environment Department,
M.S.Building, Bangalore.

To:

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central)
Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests,
Kendriya Sadana, Regional Office (South Zone),
17th Main, Koramangala, Bangalore – 560 034.

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 1.5383 ha deemed 'forest' land with private ownership in Sy.No 146/57 A1 E1 of Neriya village in Belthangady Taluk, Dakshina Kannada District for establishment of 24 MW Mini Hydel Scheme in favour of M/s SLV Power Private Limited.

With reference to the above subject, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (HoFF) Bangaluru vide letter No.A5(2).GFL.CR.03/2014-15, dated: 07-02-2015 has submitted a proposal to obtain approval of Government of India under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 1.5383 ha deemed 'forest' land with private ownership in Sy.No 146/57 A1 E1 of Neriya village in Belthangady Taluk Dakshina Kannada District for establishment of 24 MW Mini Hydel Scheme in favour of M/s. SLV Power Private Limited., subject to certain conditions.

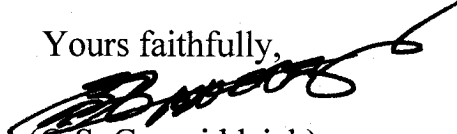
After careful examination of the above proposal & based on the records available, the following points emerged.

- 1) The Land in question is owned by project proponent through a sale deed in January, 1957.
- 2) After series of litigations, Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka passed final order agreeing to the contention of land owner excluding land surrendered to Government as excess land (an extent of 368 acres).

- 3) On the petition filed by the project proponent in Hon'ble Supreme Court seeking permission to develop mini hydel project and issuing suitable direction to the State Government is allowed by Hon'ble Supreme Court.
- 4) Department has recommended for diversion of private land that too to an extent 1.5383 ha only subject to certain conditions as applicable in similar cases.
- 5) The said land is a plantation land with cardamom, Coco, Bubber and other trees and the owner agreed that these trees can be felled and transporated to Forest Department as per the report of DCF, Mangaluru.
- 6) Though it is private land the owner agreed to provide equivalent area for Compensatory Afforestation and also to bear the cost of NPV.
- 7) The land owner / project proponent has provide all the authentic, relavant documents about the land.
- 8) Keeping in view the above facts and also the need & relevance of encourageing mini hydel projects, that will add to the availability of scarce resource POWER, the proposal is recommended.

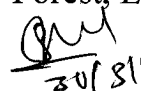
As explained above in detail, I am directed to forward the copy of PCCFs proposal along with its enclosures. Annexure-A, Proforma Proposal (in 2 sets) to you for needful action and request you to obtain in- principle approval (Stage-I) of Government of India and communicate the same at the earliest.

Yours faithfully,



(G.S. Gurusiddaiah)

Joint Secretary to Government
Forest, Ecology and Environment Department.


Copy to: Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Aranya Bhavan, Bangalore. For information.

PART – V

(To be filled in by the Secretary in charge of Forest Department or by any other authorized officer of the State Government not below the rank of an Under Secretary)

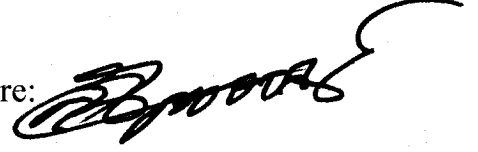
Recommendation of the State Government.	Recommended for diversion of 1.5383 ha of deemed 'forest' land with private ownership in Sy.No 146/57 A1 E1 of Neriya village in Belthangady Taluk, Dakshina Kannada District for establishment of 24 MW Mini Hydel Scheme in favour of M/s. SLV Power Private Limited, under the forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 subject to general conditions appended in Annexure 'A'.
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Date: 30 -03-2015

Signature:



Name & Designation:

G.S. Gurusiddaiah

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