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The Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Karnataka, Forest, Ecology & Environment Department, M.S. Building, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bangalore - 560 001.

Diversion of 0.3221 ha. of forest land in Sy.No. 140, Naubad village, Kamatana Subject: Hobli, Bidar Taluk & District for construction of 4 lane Road Over Bridge (ROB) and its approaches in lieu of existing level crossing No. 48/E at KM 66,900 on NH-50 (Railway Chainage 96/6-7) in favour of the Executive Engineer, Public Work, Ports & Inland Transport Department (National Highways Division), Kalaburgi -reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No. FEE 30 FLL 2019 dated 25/02/2020 seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section'2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in respect of the above project. The in-principle (Stage-I) approval to the project was accorded by the Central Government vide letter of even number dated 13th March, 2020. The State Government vide letter No.FEE 67 FLL 2019 (e) dated 17/03/2021 and 31/12/2021 have reported compliance to the conditions stipulated by the Central Government in the in-principle approval.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am directed to convey Central Government's final approval (Stage-II) under Section'2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.3221 ha. of forest land in Sy.No. 140, Naubad village, Kamatana Hobli, Bidar Taluk & District for construction of 4 lane Road Over Bridge (ROB) and its approaches in lieu of existing level crossing No. 48/E at KM 66,900 on NH-50 (Railway Chainage 96/6-7) in favour of the Executive Engineer, Public Work, Ports & Inland Transport Department (National Highways Division), Kalaburgi, subject to the following conditions:-

- 1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
- 2. The boundary of the forest land to be diverted shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost as per the directions of concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
- 3. User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department.

- 4. Planting of ten times the number of trees to be felled shall be carried out at the cost of User Agency
- 5. The additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from User Agency and the same shall be transferred to the designated Adhoc CAMPA Account.
- 6. The KML file of the area diverted and CA area (plantation of ten times no. of trees to be felled) shall be uploaded on the e-green watch portal with all requisite details before issue of final approval by the State Government.
- 7. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
- 8. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel shall be provided by the User agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.
- 10. No additional or new permanent paths will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
- 11. The forest area shall be used for the purpose for which it is granted. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.3221 ha.
- 12. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.
- 13. The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.
- 14. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forest and Wildlife.
- 15. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.21 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of comprehensive guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019.
- 16. The State Government and user agency shall comply the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, NGT order & Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.

Yours faithfully,

(B.N.Anjan Kumar) Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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Copy to:-

- 1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore 560 003.
- 2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FC) /Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003.
- 3. The Executive Engineer, National Highways Division, Public Work, Ports & Inland Transport Department (National Highways), H.No. 11/1844, Back side SB College, Vidyanagar, Kalaburgi -585 103.
- 4. Guard file.

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