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**BY SPEED POST**

F.No.4-KRB1301/2021-BAN/ 1261

Dated the 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2023

To

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

Subject: Diversion of 4.7417 ha. (revised from 2.797 ha) of forest land in Sy.No. 33, 13, Kaudgaon village and Sy.No. 27, 154 of Kautha B Villages, Santapura Hobli and Sy.No. 01 of Vanamarapalli village, Aurad (b) Hobli, Aurad Taluk, Bidar District for widening and improvement of the existing NH-161 A (old SH-15) to 4 lane in Aurad-Bidar Section commencing from Karnataka-Maharashtra Border (KM 0.000) to Bidar (KM 45.878) in favour of Deputy General Manager & Project Director, National Highway Authority of India, PIU, Kalburgi -reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No. No. FEE 43 FLL 2021 (e) dated 01/07/2021 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 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2021. The State Government vide letter No.FEE 43 FLL 2021 (e) dated 17/01/2023 has 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 **4.7417 ha.** of forest land in Sy.No. 33, 13, Kaudgaon village and Sy.No. 27, 154 of Kautha B Villages, Santapura Hobli and Sy.No. 01 of Vanamarapalli village, Aurad (b) Hobli, Aurad Taluk, Bidar District for widening and improvement of the existing NH-161 A (old SH-15) to 4 lane in Aurad-Bidar Section commencing from Karnataka-Maharashtra Border (KM 0.000) to Bidar (KM 45.878) in favour of Deputy General Manager & Project Director, National Highway Authority of India, PIU, Kalburgi, subject to the following conditions:-

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**A. Conditions which need to be complied prior to issue of final approval by State Government and handing over of forest land to User Agency:**

1. The State Government shall upload the KML file of the forest area diverted and CA area on the e-green watch portal with all requisite details.

**B. Conditions which need to be complied after handing over of forest land to the User Agency by the State Government:**

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS co-ordinates.
3. Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised over 9.4834 ha, of degraded forest land at Sy.No.38, (Deogir Reserve Forest), Deogir village, Nirna Hobli, Humbabad Taluk, Bidar District within three years from the date of Stage -II Clearance and maintained thereafter by the State Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency and at least 1000 plants per hectare shall be planted over identified degraded forest land within three years of grant of final approval. If it is not possible to plant so many saplings in the area identified for CA, the balance saplings will be planted in any other forests as per prescriptions of approved working plan with provision for ten years maintenance.
4. 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.
5. Tree felling shall be restricted to the barest minimum possible and under confirmation from the local forest officials.
6. Suitable signages for speed regulation and animal safety will be erected along the road through forest areas.
7. The User Agency shall raise strip plantation on both sides and central verge of the road as per the IRC norms, wherever possible.
8. 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.
9. The User agency shall obtain the Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
10. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
11. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
12. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
13. No additional or new permanent paths will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
14. 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 4.7417 ha.
15. 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.



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16. 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.
17. The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area.
18. The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government and Integrated Regional Office, Bangalore by the end of March every year.
19. 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.
20. 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.
21. 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,



(M.K.Shambhu)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

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2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18<sup>th</sup> Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003.
3. 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, 18<sup>th</sup> Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003.
4. The Deputy General Manager & Project Director, National Highway Authority of India, PIU, No. 65, Kothari Layout, Venkatesh Nagar, Kalburgi -585 103.
5. Guard file.



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