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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 3.5062 ha. of forest land in Sy.No.204 & 41 of Thirumagondanahalli Sy.No.113 of Hadonahalli & Sy.No.6 of Kelaginanayakanahalli Villages in Ghati Subramaniya Forest, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bangalore Rural Division & District for laying of double line (railway line) between Oddarahalli & Makalidurga Railway Station, in favour of the Deputy Chief Engineer / HQ/Construction /South Western Railway /Bangalore Cantonment-Reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No.FEE 116 FLL 2016 dated 26/12/2016 seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section'2' of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above project.

After careful consideration of the proposal, I am directed to convey Central Government's approval in-principle (Stage-I) for diversion of 3.5062 ha. of forest land in Sy.No.204 & 41 of Thirumagondanahalli Sy.No.113 of Hadonahalli & Sy.No.6 of Kelaginanayakanahalli Villages in Ghati Subramaniya Forest, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bangalore Rural Division & District for laying of double line (railway line) between Oddarahalli & Makalidurga Railway Station, in favour of the Deputy Chief Engineer / HQ/Construction /South Western Railway /Bangalore Cantonment for a period of 20 years, subject to the following conditions:-

- 1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
- 2. Demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 mts. at the cost of user agency, before the Stage-II approval.
- 3. The cost of raising Compensatory Afforestation (C.A.) over double the degraded forest land (7.0 ha.) shall be realized from the User Agency
- 4. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land of 3.5062 ha. from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos.826 in 566 with related IA's in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995.

- 5. 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 the user agency. The user agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
- 6. The User Agency shall make online payment of cost of CA & Net Present Value with Adhoc- CAMPA through e-payment module of Forest Clearance portal-forestclearance.nic.in.
- 7. Suitable measures to prevent soil erosion shall be formulated by the State Forest Department in consultation with User Agency. The funds for the same shall be deposited by the user agency.
- 8. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 3.5062 ha.
- 9. Any other condition that the Addl. P.C.C.F. (Central), Regional Office, Bangalore may impose from time to time for protection, improvement of flora and fauna in the forest area and public convenience, shall also be applicable.
- 10. Violation of any of the conditions shall invite penal action, as deemed fit by the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bangalore.

After receipt of the compliance report on the fulfillment of the above conditions from the State Government, formal approval will be considered in this regard under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. This in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of five years. In the event of non-compliance of the above conditions, this in-principle approval shall automatically stand revoked after five years.

Yours faithfully,

(R. Padmawathe)

Deputy Conservator of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

- 1. The Director General of Forests & Special Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Agni Wing, Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi 110 003.
- 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 Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/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 Chief Engineer / HQ/Construction /South Western Railway, 18, Millers Road, Bangalore 560 046.

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