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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 11.0 ha. of forest land in Thattekere Village Sy.91 and 100 (Madeshwara State Forest), Maralawadi Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District (Bannerghatta National Park) for development of Bangalore Ring Road (STRR Phase -II NH-948 A) for a length- of 57.8 km from Ramanagara in Ramanagara of Karnataka State to Peddamadhagondapalli in Krishnagiri District to Tamil Nadu State (KM 82.200 to KM 140.000). in favour of the Project Director, National Highways Authority of India, Project Implementing Unit, Bengaluru. (Online Proposal No. FP/KA/ROAD/49295/2020) -reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government's letter No. FEE 12 FLL 2022 (e) dated 24/02/2022, 21/03/2024 and 10/01/2025 seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section '2(1)' of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for the above project.

The proposal was examined by the Regional Empowered Committee constituted under Rule 6 of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 in its meeting held on 26/02/2025.

After careful examination of the proposal of the State Government and on the basis of the approval of the Regional Empowered Committee, **in-principle approval /Stage-I clearance** of the Central Government is hereby granted for diversion of **11.0 ha.** of forest land in Thattekere Village Sy.91 and 100 (Madeshwara State Forest), Maralawadi Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District (Bannerghatta National Park) for development of Bangalore Ring Road (STRR Phase -II NH-948 A) for a length- of 57.8 km from Ramanagara in Ramanagara of Karnataka State to Peddamadhagondapalli in Krishnagiri District to Tamil Nadu State (KM 82.200 to KM 140.000). in favour of the Project Director, National Highways Authority of India, Project

Implementing Unit, Bengaluru, subject to the following conditions:-

1. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost as per the directions of concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
3. Identified non-forest land to an extent of 11 ha in Sy. No. 201 of Bhutanala Village, Vijayapura, Hobli, Vijayapura Taluk and District for the purpose of compensatory afforestation shall be transferred and mutated in favour of the Forest department and shall be notified as PF/RF before handing over the forest land.
4. CA plantation shall be carried out in the identified degraded forest land at the cost of user agency and accordingly CA scheme may be revised. Details of identified degraded forest land i.e., kml file, location, CA suitability certificate, etc., shall be submitted along with compliance report.
5. The User Agency shall transfer online, the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted under this proposal as per the guideline issued by Ministry vide letter No.5-3/2011-FC (Vol-I) dated 06/01/2022 and as per the provision of Chapter 3 of the consolidated Guidelines and Clarification issued vide MoEF&CC order dated 29.12.2023.
6. The User Agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the Compensatory Afforestation at the current wage rate in consultation with State Forest Department in the designated CAMPA account of the concerned State through online portal as per approved CA scheme.
7. The user agency to comply with all the conditions stipulated by the Standing committee of National Board of Wildlife for this project.
8. At the time of payment of the Net Present Value (NPV) at the then prevailing rate, the User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
9. All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/deposited in CAMPA account only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>). Amount deposited through other mode will not be accepted as compliance of the Stage-I clearance.
10. The KML file of the forest area to be diverted and CA area shall be uploaded on the e-green watch portal with all requisite details and same shall be submitted along with compliance report including GPS ids.
11. The User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department.
12. Tree felling shall be restricted to the barest minimum possible and under confirmation from the local forest officials.
13. Suitable signages for speed regulation and animal safety will be erected along the road through forest areas.
14. 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.
15. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
16. No additional or new paths will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
17. 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.
18. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the

project proposal.

19. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 11.0 ha. The user agency shall furnish the undertaking to this effect.
20. 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;
21. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
22. User Agency shall obtain the Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
23. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
24. 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.
25. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).
26. The user agency shall comply with all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
27. The conditions required to be adhered under the Forests Right Act, 2006 as per the guidelines issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 shall be strictly complied with.
28. 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.
29. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed under the Act, Rules and Guidelines relevant.

After receipt of compliance report on fulfilment of the conditions mentioned above, the proposal shall be considered for final approval under Section-2 (1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam 1980.

Further, it may also be noted that this in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 2 years from the date of issue of this letter. In the event of non-compliance of the above conditions within 2 years, the in-principle approval shall be deemed to be null and void.

Yours faithfully,

(M.K. Shambhu)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

1. The Chief Executive Officer, National Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority, Ministry of Environment Forests & Climate Change, 3rd Floor (Front Portion), Supreme Court Metro Station Building (Line-3), New Delhi-110 001.
2. The Inspector General of Forests (ROHQ), Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment,

Forests and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Agni Wing, Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi – 110 003

3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003.
4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (VSESA) /Nodal Officer (VSESA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003.
5. The Project Director, National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), Project Implementation Unit, Bengaluru Express Way, No.718, 11th Cross, 20th Main, Padmanabha Nagar, Bengaluru -560 070.
6. Guard file.