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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 28.218 ha of forest land in Baad, Binaga-Arga and 20 other villages in Uttara Kannada and Udupi Districts (Karwar, Honnavar and Kundapura Forest Divisions) for slope protection of Four laning of Goa-Karnataka Border to Kundapur Section of NH-66 (formerly NH-17) from KM 93.700 to KM 283.300 in favour of National Highways Authority of India (PIU), Mangalore -reg.

Madam/Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letters No.FEE 27 FLL 2020 dated 19/06/2020 and No. FEE 27 FLL 2020 (e) dated 17/03/2021 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 17th September, 2021. The State Government vide letter No. FEE 27 FLL 2020 dated 22/04/2025 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(1)' of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of **28.218 ha** of forest land in Baad, Binaga-Arga and 20 other villages in Uttara Kannada and Udupi Districts (Karwar, Honnavar and Kundapura Forest Divisions) for slope protection of Four laning of Goa-Karnataka Border to Kundapur Section of NH-66 (formerly NH-17) from KM 93.700 to KM 283.300 in favour of National Highways Authority of India (PIU), Mangalore, subject to the following conditions:-

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 double the extent of degraded forest land identified in Sy.No. 178, Honnebail RF, Ankola Taluk, Karwar Division, Uttara Kannada District, within two years from the date of final/ 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 two years of grant of final/Stage-II approval.
4. The State Government shall ensure to upload the KML files (both area proposed for diversion and CA identified) in e-green watch portal with all requisite details before issuing the final Government order/handing over the forest land to the User Agency.
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.
6. The user agency should ensure to take up measure to rectify the alignment and slope of trench excavated as an emergency measure in Byndoor, so as to drain out the excess water to a common drainage point without creating water stagnation or water logging in forest area or private areas. The user agency should also ensure establishment of suitable safety measures like 6 ft high chain-link fence all along the trench to prevent accident fall of humans and animals. The side slope of the trench should be made gentle in few locations to facilitate safe passage of animals, in case, if any animal falls in to the trench.
7. The old road in the forest area that will be left abandoned after re-alignment should be resumed by the forest department.
8. The user agency should restore the forest area where the excavated soil has been dumped.
9. The State Government shall ensure that the tree planting along the side of NHAI road should be completed on priority.
10. Tree felling shall be restricted to the barest minimum possible and under confirmation from the local forest officials.
11. Suitable signages for speed regulation and animal safety will be erected along the road through forest areas.
12. The User Agency / concessionaire at their cost shall take up strip plantation on both sides and central verge of the road as per the IRC norms, wherever possible in consultation with State Forest Department as per the guidelines issued by Ministry vide letter No.FC-11/39/2020-FC dated 08/09/2021.
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. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
15. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
16. 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.
17. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
18. 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.

19. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
20. User Agency shall obtain the Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
21. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
22. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 28.218 ha.
23. 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.
24. In view of the recent series of landslides, the User Agency is directed to undertake slope stabilization measures with the utmost caution. It must be ensured that the stabilized areas are equipped with adequate surface and subsurface drainage systems to prevent further landslide risks.
25. The User Agency shall limit soil exposure to the bare minimum and implement site-specific, comprehensive, and robust slope stabilization measures to restore the affected areas. Additionally, vegetative methods for slope stabilization should be actively explored in consultation with the local forest authorities.
26. 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, Bengaluru by the end of March every year.
27. Any other condition that the Central Government may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forest and Wildlife.
28. 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.
29. 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.
30. 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.

Yours faithfully,

(Praneetha Paul)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

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2. The Inspector General of Forests (ROHQ Division), 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, Bengaluru – 560 003.
4. The Additional 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, Bengaluru – 560 003.
5. The Project Director, Project Implementation Unit, National Highway Authority of

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