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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 0.9 ha. of forest land in Sy.No. 517 A1 of Honnavar town, Uttara Kannada District (Honnavar Forest Division) for construction of RTO Office and Building in favour of the Commissioner of Transport, Shanthi Nagar, Bengaluru - reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No. FEE 83 FLL 2021 (e) dated 04/12/2021 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 5th January, 2022. The State Government vide letter No.FEE 83 FLL 2021 (e) dated 31/10/2022 and 03/05/2022 have reported the 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 **0.9 ha.** of forest land in Sy.No. 517 A1 of Honnavar town, Uttara Kannada District (Honnavar Forest Division) for construction of RTO Office and Building in favour of the Commissioner of Transport, Shanthi Nagar, Bengaluru, subject to the following conditions: -

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 conditions required to be adhered under Forests Right Act, 2006 as per

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the guidelines issued under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 shall be strictly complied with.

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 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 in an identified area i.e. in Bangane F.S.No. 33, Kumata range 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 layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
7. No additional or new paths will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work
8. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land
9. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
10. The forest area shall be used for the purpose for which it is granted.
11. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.9 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. 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.
15. 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
16. 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.
17. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.2.1 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

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dated 28.03.2019.

18. 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)

Asst. Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

1. 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.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18th 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, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003.
4. The Commissioner of Transport, Office of the Commissioner of Transport, "A" Block, 1st Floor, TTMC Building, Shanthi Nagar, Bengaluru -560 027.
5. Guard file.

(B.N.Anjan Kumar)

Asst. Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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