

Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Dated: 31st May, 2020

To,
The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Department of Forest and Environment,
Government of Karnataka,
Bengaluru.

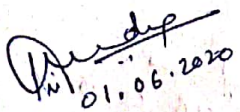
Sub: Diversion of 140.917 ha. of forest land in Kamalapura and Ingalgi village Sy No.s in Bilikallu West reserved Forest, Hospet Taluk, Ballari District for establishment of Zoological Park in favour of the Executive Director & Deputy Conservator Forests, Shri Atal Bhihaari Vajapyee Zoological Park, Kamalapura Karnataka.— regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer the State Government's letter no. FEE 72 FLL 2018 dated 24.11.2018 on above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The proposal was accorded 'in principle' approval vide letter of even no. dated 05.02.2019. The stage I approval was based on Forest Advisory Committee recommendations which was accepted and duly approved competent authority in Government of India.

In this connection, I am directed to convey that on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the State Government of Karnataka vide letter No. FEE 72 FLL 2018 dt 20.04.2020, the **Final approval** of the Central Government is hereby accorded as per the provisions contained in Section-2 of Forest (conservation) Act, 1980 for non forestry use of 140.917 ha. of forest land in Kamalapura and Ingalgi village Sy No.s in Bilikallu West Reserved Forest, Hospet Taluk, Ballari District for establishment of a Zoological Park in favour of the Executive Director & Deputy Conservator Forests, Shri Atal Bhihaari Vajapyee Zoological Park, Kamalapura Karnataka subject to the following conditions:

1. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
2. The State Government shall ensure that only 15% of the diverted area may be utilized for non-forestry activities;
3. Non-forest land equal to 15% of the total area mutated in the name of State Forest Department, shall be notified as RF/PF within six months of issue of final/stage-II approval;
4. The State Government shall ensure that Compensatory Afforestation over 57 ha. identified non-forest land (NFL) in Sy No. 871/8 of Venkatapura Village, Kamalapura Hobli, Hospet Taluk, Ballari District shall be raised within three years from the date of final/stage II approval and maintained thereafter by the State Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency;
5. The State Government shall ensure that the User Agency shall pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme

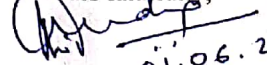

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Court of India;

6. The State Government shall ensure that any tree felling is done only when it is unavoidable and under strict supervision of the state forest department;
7. The State Government shall ensure that the user agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required;
8. The State Government shall ensure complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
9. The State Government shall ensure that the Forest land is not used for any purpose other than as approved under FC Act, 1980.
10. The State Government shall ensure that no labour camp is established on the forest land and User agency shall provide firewood preferably alternate fuel to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the adjacent forest areas;
11. The State Government shall ensure that the forest land approved for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;
12. The State Government shall ensure submission of annual self-compliance report by the user agency in respect of the above conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and this Ministry by the end of March every year.
13. The State Government shall ensure that no damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area is caused;
14. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the provisions under extant Act, Rules and guidelines made thereunder.
15. Any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry may stipulate with the approval of competent authority.
16. The State Government shall ensure compliance of provisions of 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 by the user agency, as applicable to the project; and
17. The State Government shall ensure compliance of the court orders of Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka with respect to the Writ Petition (WP No. 48018/2017) by the State Government and the user agency.

Yours faithfully,



(Brijendra Swaroop)

Dy. Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservation of Forests & (HoFF), Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru.
2. The Dy. Director General of Forest (Central), Regional Office (Southern Zone), Bengaluru.
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o the PCCF, Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
6. Guard File.

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