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To

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Karnataka,
 Forest, Ecology & Environment Department,
 M.S. Building, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi,
 Bengaluru – 560 001.

Subject: Diversion of 25.763 ha (revised from 18.844 Ha) of forest land in Hosanagara Taluk, Shimoga District (Sagar Forest Division) for construction of 2 lane with paved shoulder road from KM 55.6-Adagodi to KM 90.7-Mavinakoppa of NH 766C with 4 major bridges across Sharavathi Backwaters in favour of Executive Engineer, NH Division, Public Works Department, Shimoga. (Online Proposal No. FP/KA/ROAD/156224/2022) -reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government's letter No. FEE 130 FLL 2022 (e) dated 14/11/2022, 09/10/2023, 11/02/2025 and 24/06/2025 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) Adhiniyam Rule 2023 in its meeting held on 27/03/2025.

After careful examination of the proposal of the State Government and on the basis of approval of Regional Empowered Committee and as per additional information submitted by the State Government on 24/06/2025, in-principle approval /Stage-I clearance of the Central Government is hereby granted for diversion of 25.763 ha. of forest land in Hosanagara Taluk, Shimoga District (Sagar Forest Division) for construction of 2 lane with paved shoulder road from KM 55.6-Adagodi to KM 90.7-Mavinakoppa of NH 766C with 4 major bridges across Sharavathi Backwaters in favour of Executive Engineer, NH Division, Public Works

Department, Shimoga, 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 demarcated on ground at the project cost by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, forward and back bearing and distance from pillar to pillar.
3. The non-forest land identified for raising Compensatory Afforestation i.e. 53.0 ha. at Sy.No. 32, Kannur village, Anandapura Hobli, Sagar Taluk, Shimoga District shall be transferred and mutated in favour of Forest Department before final approval by the Central Government and shall be notified as Protected Forest under Section-29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927, or under the relevant section of the local Forest Act as the case may be before handing of the forest land to user agency by the State Government. The Nodal Officer, after notification of such forest lands, shall upload the copy of the said notification on PARIVESH Portal.
4. The User Agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the compensatory afforestation over an extent 53.0 ha. of non-forest land at the current wage rate in consultation with State Forest Department in the account of CAMPA of the concerned State through online portal. The scheme shall include demarcation of CA area using appropriate fencing, provision for tall plants for better survival, provision for watering and SMC works and appropriate provision for anticipated cost escalation for the works scheduled for subsequent years. The CA will be maintained for 10 years.
5. Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised by Forest Department over an extent of 53.0 ha of non forest land identified in Sy.No. 32, Kannur village, Anandapura Hobli, Sagar Taluk, Shimoga District. If the identified CA land is not fit for raising CA plantations of specified density, then additional CA shall be raised over an extent of 43 ha degraded forest land identified in Sy.No.117 of Kuntagalale village and Sy.No.53 of Telagundli village,
6. **Compensatory Afforestation (CA) shall be carried out as per the time line provided under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules 2023**
7. 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.
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. The Wildlife Mitigation plan submitted incorporating the provisions for unrestricted movement of arboreal animals in the forest area shall be approved from the competent and same shall be implemented at the cost of user agency along with already approved Wildlife Mitigation plan by the CWLW. The user agency shall deposit the cost of Wildlife Mitigation Plan in the designated CAMPA account.
10. The slope stabilization plan including Engineering and Biological measures

- shall be implemented by the user agency in consultation State Forest Department at the cost of user agency.
11. The user agency shall implement the muck disposal plan in consultation with State Forest Department.
 12. 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.
 13. The KML file of the forest area to be diverted and CA (Both NFL and) 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.
 14. 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.
 15. Suitable signages for speed regulation and animal safety will be erected along the road through forest areas.
 16. 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
 17. 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.
 18. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
 19. No additional or new paths will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
 20. 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.
 21. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
 22. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 25.763 ha. The user agency shall furnish the undertaking to this effect.
 23. 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;
 24. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
 25. User Agency shall obtain the Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
 26. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
 27. 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.
 28. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).
 29. 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.

30. 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.
31. 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.
32. 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. Transfer of forest land shall not be affected till final approval is granted by the Central Government in this regard.

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,

(Praneetha Paul)

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, Bengaluru – 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, Bengaluru – 560 003.
The Executive Engineer, NH Division, Public Works Department, APMC Yard, Shimoga -577 204.
5. Guard file.