

No. A5(2)K/GFL/CR-23/2015-16

Office of the
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)
AranyaBhavan, Malleswaram
Bangalore - 560 003, dated: 28.03.2017.

To,

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Department of Forests, Ecology and Environment,
M. S. Building, Bangalore.

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 0.153 ha. of forest land in F. Sy. No. 143 of Gotegali village in Karwar Taluk & Division, UK District for construction of approach road and bridge in favour of the Executive Engineer, Public Works Ports & Inland Water Transport Department, Karwar Division, Karwar. **(Proposal no. FP/KA/Road/18723/2016)**

- Ref: 1. Letter No. ಕಾ.ನಿ.ಇಂ.ಲೋ.ಇ.ವಿ.ಕಾ/2016-17/885 dated: 04.07.2016 & 17.08.2016 of Executive Engineer, Public Works Ports & Inland Water Transport Department, Karwar.
2. Letter No. B4/GFL/FCA/CR-15/2016-17 dated: 14.11.2016 of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Karwar Division.
3. Letter No. B2/GFL/CR-29/2016-17 dated: 04.03.2017 of the Chief Conservator of Forests, Kanara Circle, Sirsi (Karwar Division).

The Chief Conservators of Forests, Kanara Circle, Sirsi vide letter cited under reference (3) above, have submitted the proposal received from the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Karwar for diversion of 0.153 ha. of forest land in F. Sy. No. 143 of Gotegali village in Karwar Taluk & Division, UK District for construction of approach road and bridge in favour of the Executive Engineer, Public Works Ports & Inland Water Transport Department, Karwar Division, Karwar under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The details are placed herewith.

The details of the forest land required for the project in is as under:

Name of the Taluk	Village	F. Sy. No.	Component	Extent (in Ha.)
Karwar	Gotegalli	143	For approach road (both end)	0.081
			For bridge	0.072
			Total	0.153

The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Karwar Division has also inspected the above forest area on 14.11.2016 and submitted the Part - II of proposal under Forest Conservation Act, 1980. The Conservator of Forests & Director, Kali Tiger Reserve Dandeli has also inspected the site & submitted the inspection report.

The Chief Conservator of Forests, Kanara circle, Sirsi has also inspected the site on 28.11.2016 personally and enclosed inspection report in Part - III.

1. The User Agency has submitted the application in Form - A of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
2. The User Agency requires 0.153 ha. of forest land for above purpose.
3. Undertaking for payment of the Net Present Value and Compensatory Afforestation charges has furnished by the User Agency.
4. The Deputy Commissioner, Uttara Kannada, Karwar has given certificate for non-availability of non-forest land for above purpose.
5. There are no trees found in the proposed area.
6. Map clearly showing the forest boundary is enclosed.
7. The density of the forest vegetation is more than 0.70.
8. The proposed area is coming under Eco class - I.
9. The proposed area coming a nala and is a common boundary to Kali Tiger Reserve and Karwar Territorial Division.
10. There was a minor violation of Forest Conservation Act. The forest guard, Gotegalli of Karwar Division booked an offence case on 12.03.2015 against the contractors and stopped the further progress of the work.
11. In the proposed forest area rare endangered and unique species of flora and fauna are not found.
12. There are no protected archaeological, heritage sites / Defence establishments or any other important monument located in the area.

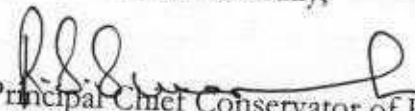
The Chief Conservator of Forests, Kanara Circle, Sirsi has recommended agreeing with the recommendation made by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Karwar Division and the Conservator of Forests & Director, Kali Tiger Reserve, Dandeli.

The area proposed for the diversion comprises of forest of Eco Class - I with varying densities, however since it is a single linear project passing through similar forest areas, it is felt that the category of Eco Class - I with very dense forest may be considered for calculating NPV

In agreeing with the observations and suggestions of the Chief Conservators of Forests, it is requested to move the matter with the Government of India for according in-principle (Stage - I) approval for diversion of 0.153 ha. of forest land in F. Sy. No. 143 of Gotegalli village in Karwar Taluk & Division, UK District for construction of approach road and bridge in favour of the Executive Engineer, Public Works Ports & Inland Water Transport Department, Karwar Division, Karwar subject to the conditions appended in Annexure - A.

The proposal in 3 sets is submitted herewith for further needful action.

Yours faithfully,


Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force), Bengaluru.

- Copy to the Chief Conservators of Forests, Kanara circle, Sirsi and the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Karwar Division for information and necessary action.
- Copy to the Executive Engineer, Public Works Ports & Inland Water Transport Department, Karwar Division, Karwar for information and necessary action.

ANNEXURE - 'A'

1. The legal status of Forest land shall remain unchanged and it shall continue to be as forest land.
2. The lessee shall pay lease rent as fixed by the Govt. from time to time.
3. The lease tenure is for a period of 20 (thirty) years.
4. The leased out area should be used for the purpose for which it is granted. In case the land is not used for the stipulated purpose within one year or when it is no longer needed for the stipulated purpose.
5. The area should be resumed to the Forest Department under Section 82 of Karnataka Forest Act, 1963. The concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests is authorized to take necessary action in this regard.
6. No residential buildings shall be permitted in the proposed forest area.
7. Avenue Plantation shall be taken up by User Agency along the road on either side (200 plants per km.), wherever required, at the project cost. The plantation shall be maintained at the project cost for 10 years.
8. The User Agency has to pay the Net Present Value (NPV) of forest land diverted under this proposal as per Orders dated: 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India as per approval. Eco- class-I and very dense.
9. Since the project passes through wildlife habitat areas, suitable remedial mitigation measures like speed breakers, animal underpass etc. shall be provided at the specific locations and as per the plan prepared in consultation with the Deputy Conservator of Forests.
10. The shoulder drains should be suitably covered with stone pitching in order to control soil erosion.
11. Both sides of the improved road shall be reinforced wherever required with brick / stone works and vegetative measures and other measures to check soil erosion, at the project cost in consultation with the Deputy Conservator of Forests.
12. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
13. Any damage to forest area due to such improvement and widening works shall be compensated by the User Agency. The extent of damage shall be assessed by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests.
14. The lessee shall not sub-lease, mortgage or hypothecate the forest area.
15. The project authorities shall provide modern Checking gate equipment's and other facilities as requested by the Forest Department.
16. The User Agency shall put up sign boards and educational boards displays on wild animals presence in the area in consultation with concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests.
17. The User Agency shall also abide by all the conditions imposed upon by Government of India, the Government of Karnataka and Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force).


Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force), Bengaluru.

PART - IV

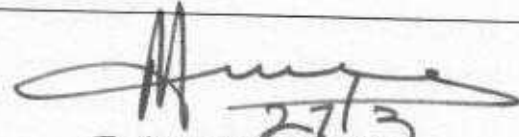
(To be filled in by the Nodal Officer or Principal Chief Conservator of Forests or Head of Forest Department)

Detailed opinion & specific recommendation of the State Forest Department for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with remarks. (While giving opinion, the adverse comments made by concerned Conservator of Forests or Deputy Conservator of Forests should be categorically reviewed and critically commented upon).	Recommended for diversion of 0.153 ha. of forest land in F. Sy. No. 143 of Gotegali village in Karwar Taluk & Division, UK District for construction of approach road and bridge in favour of the Executive Engineer, Public Works Ports & Inland Water Transport Department, Karwar Division, Karwar.
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Signature:

Name:

Designation:



(P. Anur Reddy), IFS

Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests

(Forest Conservation)

Bangalore

Signature:

Name:

Designation:



(R.S. Suresh), IFS

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests

(Head of Forest Force)

Bangalore

(Official Seal):

N.D.O. No. 44/2016-17

Date: 28.03.2017.