

Office of the Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle, Ballari, Date: 30-03-2024.

To,

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Forest Conservation), Aranya Bhavan, Malleshwaram, BENGALURU-03

Sir.

Sub: Diversion of 61.00 ha. of forest land for construction of Tumkur Branch Canal of Upper Bhadra Project in favour of Executive Engineer, VJNL., UBP., Division No. 4, Hosadurga-reg. Proposal No. FP/KA/Canal/37818/2018.

Ref:

- 1) Online proposal received by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chitradurga Division on 25-7-2019.
- 2) Letter No. A6/FC/UB/CR-6/2019-20 dated. 19-8-2023 of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chitradurga Division, Chitradurga.
- 3) This office letter even no. dated. 26-2-2024.
- 4) Letter No. A6/FC/UB/CR-6/2019-20 dated. 12-3-2024 of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chitradurga Division, Chitradurga

In light of the directions issued by your goodself having forwarded the online proposal under reference (1) cited above to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chitradurga, for processing the same duly scrutinizing the online proposal received from the above user agency sought for diversion of 61.00 ha. of forest land for construction of Tumkur Branch Canal of Upper Bhadra Project in favour of Executive Engineer, VJNL., UBP., Division No. 4, Hosadurga.

Accordingly, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chitradurga Division, Chitradurga in his self contained report has reported that he has personally inspected the proposed forest land on 10-8-2023 and simultaneously recommended the proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of forest land for the above purpose vide his letter (2) cited above.

The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chitradurga has been asked vide this office letter (3) cited above, for no clarity forthcoming from their report, as to how much extent of land is pertaining to the Forest Department and it may not be justifiable for recommending the said proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

As such, The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chitradurga has re-submitted his report vide letter (4) above and recommended to consider the proposal.

Ongoing through the same the following facts are brought to your kind notice for taking further needful action.

It is also reported that an extent of 166.98 ha. land proposed for diversion, by the user agency is coming under the jurisdiction of Chitradurga Division and however, this land does not fall under the category of "Forest". The Sy.No. 17 an extent of 41.23 ha. of Kerehosahalli village and Sy.No. 23 an extent of 65.23 ha. of Kodihalli village C & D land was handed over to the forest department vide order dated 27-1-1995 of Government of Karnataka. As per GoK order No. FEE 185 FAF 2011 dated. 05-05-2022 and circular of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) Bengaluru dated. 24-11-2023 and GoK order No. RD 46 LGP 2023 dated. 16-2-2024 the above survey numbers are not included in Deemed Forest list and the area of above survey numbers does not falls under the category of "Forest". (Copy enclosed).

Further, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chitradurga has requested to move the proposal for obtaining in-principle approval under provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

In view of the facts detailed above, the proposal is being submitted with the self contained report of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chitradurga alongwith its enclosures for your kind perusal and further needful action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle, Ballari.