

To,

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,  
(Forest Conservation),  
Aranya Bhavan, Bengaluru.

Sir,

Sub:-Diversion of forest land over an extent of 5.1734 ha for construction of 220 KV transmission line from Badaladuku Sub-station to Somalapura RPCL project site in favour of M/s Resource Pellets Concentrates Private Limited, Sandur -reg.

Ref:-1)Online application No.FP/KA/TRANS/151786/2022 (Form-A)  
2)Online proposal received from the Nodal Officer and Principal Chief Conservator of Forests(Forest Conservation), Bengaluru on 13-09-2021.  
3)Letter No.M1/MNG/RCPL/Transmission/220KV/2022-23/1437 dated: 20-01-2023 of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari. (Recd. in this office on 30-01-2023)

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In light of the directions issued by your goodself in the online application (2) cited under reference supra, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari in his letter (3) cited above has submitted the proposal seeking diversion of forest land over an extent of 5.1734 ha for construction of 220 KV transmission line from Badaladuku Sub-station to Somalapura RPCL project site in favour of M/s Resource Pellets Concentrates Private Limited, Sandur.

On going through the self contained report submitted by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari, the following salient features are forthcoming and the following facts are brought to your kind notice for taking further needful action in the matter.

1. It is reported that the proposed forest land over an extent of 5.1734 ha has been inspected by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari on 26-08-2022 and reported that the proposed forest land is falling in Eco-Class-III Southern Dry Deciduous forest. The component wise details of forest area sought for diversion is as under;

Survey No. wise Village-wise Area					
Village	Sy. No.	Length (mtr)	Width (mtr)	Area (Ha.)	Remarks /Status
Ankamanahalu	1/B	321.69	35	2.9229	Proposed area falls in Reserved Forest
Somalapura	165/B	1156.41	35	2.2505	
<b>Total</b>		<b>1478.10</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>5.1734</b>	

2. **Net Present Value (NPV):** It is reported that the NPV amount has been revised as per orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India Dt:28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 and 09.05.2008 in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995 and the guidelines issued by the



Ministry vide its letter No.5-3/2007-FC dated 05.02.2009, 06.01.2022, 19.01.2022 & 23.02.2022. (i.e.Rs.12,28,590/- per hectares). Hence, the NPV amount of Rs.63,55,988/- as per existing rates may be recovered from user agency i.e. M/s Resource Pellets Concentrates Private Limited, Sandur over an extent of 5.1734 ha. In this regard, M/s Resource Pellets Concentrates Private Limited, Sandur has submitted an undertaking to pay NPV and CA charges as decided by the Government.

3. **Compensatory Afforestation (CA):** It is reported that M/s Resource Pellets Concentrates Private Limited, Sandur has identified CA land for raising Compensatory Afforestation in lieu of diversion of 5.1734 ha forest land and the details are as under;

sSl. No.	District	Taluk	Village	Survey number	Extent proposed (In hectares)
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Ballari	Sandur	Malapura	10/2	1.52 ha
2				10/A	4.33 ha
Total					5.85 ha

The above CA land is yet to be transferred and mutated in favour of Forest Department. The M/s Resource Pellets Concentrates Private Limited, Sandur has agreed to make payment for Compensatory Afforestation charges. In this regard, the user agency has submitted an undertaking to that effect.

4. In respect of Form-I under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, the user agency has already requested the jurisdictional Deputy Commissioner for issual of FRA certificate. However, the user agency has given an undertaking to the effect that the user agency will submit the FRA certificate during the course of submission of compliance report on the conditions to be imposed in Stage-I approval.
5. It is reported that trees are required to fell in this project and the tree enumeration list enclosed.
6. It is reported that the proposed forest land is not a part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve and Elephant corridor etc. Further, the proposed area is 26.10 km away from the Daroji Sloth Bear Sanctuary and 23.45 kms away from Eco-sensitive zone of Daroji Sloth Bear Sanctuary, 12.89 km away from the Gudekote Sloth Bear Sanctuary and 11.57 kms away from Eco-sensitive zone of Gudekote Sloth Bear Sanctuary.
7. It is reported that the user agency has submitted report stating that they have explored all alternate options for the proposed transmission line. The details furnished by the user agency in this regard are summarized and tabulated as hereunder (Map enclosed with the proposal);



Sl. No	220 KV Line route Explored	Approx. Length in KM	Width in M	Forest Area involvement (in Ha)	Remark
1	Route-1 (BLUE)	27.900	35	5.1734	Least forest area involvement, hence proposed for diversion
2	Alignment-2 (Purple)	28.605	35	9.681	Forest Area
3	Alignment-3 (Green)	28.267	35	9.681	Forest Area

Further, it is stated that the route at Sl. No.1 is proposed to be taken up as it involves the least forest area proposed to be diverted and that with less vegetation, when compared to that of other two alignments explored by the user agency. The user agency has justified the proposed alignment for its proximity to existing roads so that the least disturbance is caused to the forest.

In view of the facts as categorically detailed above and while agreeing with the self contained detailed report of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari, I am of the opinion that the diversion of forest land over an extent of 5.1734 ha for construction of 220 KV transmission line from Badaladuku Sub-station to Somalapura RPCL project site in favour of M/s Resource Pellets Concentrates Private Limited, Sandur may be considered as per the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The 4 sets of proposal are enclosed herewith for your kind perusal and further needful action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

Chief Conservator of Forests,  
Ballari Circle, Ballari

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- 1) Copy forwarded to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari for information.
- 2) Copy to M/s Resource Pellets Concentrates Private Limited, #2198, BKG House, kHB colony, Sandur-583119 for information.

Chief Conservator of Forests,  
Ballari Circle, Ballari.

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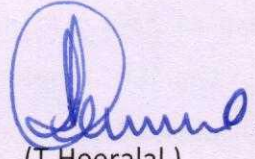
**PART-III**

**(To be filled by the concerned Chief Conservator of Forests)**

**Fresh proposal for diversion of 5.1734 ha of Forest land for construction of 220 KV transmission line from Badaladuku Sub-station to Somalapura RPCL project site in favour of M/s Resource Pellets Concentrates Private Limited, Sandur  
Proposal No.FP/KA/TRANS/151786/2022(FROM-A).**

1	Whether site, where the forest land involved is located has been inspected by concerned Chief Conservator of Forests (Yes/No). If yes, the date of inspection and observations made in the form of inspection note to be enclosed.	No. However, I agree with the field inspection made by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari.
2	Whether the concerned Chief Conservator of Forests agree with the information given in Part-II and the recommendations of Deputy Conservator of Forests.	I agree with the information given in the Part-II and recommendations of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari.
3	Specific recommendation of concerned Chief Conservator of Forests for acceptance of otherwise of the proposal with detailed reasons.	The proposal seeking for diversion of forest land over an extent of 5.1734 ha for construction of 220 KV transmission line from Badaladuku Sub-station to Somalapura RPCL project site as sought for by the user agency is quite genuine. Hence, the diversion proposal may be considered as per the section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Place: Ballari  
Date: 30-01-2023.

Signature:   
Name : (T.Heeralal )  
Seal : Chief Conservator of Forests,  
Ballari Circle, Ballari.