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To,

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government  
Forest, Environment and Ecology Department  
M.S. Building, Bengaluru - 560 001

Sir,

**Sub:** Diversion of 1.97 ha of forest land in Khurse village Sy No. 61, Sampakanda Hobli, Sirsi Taluk, Uttara Kannada District (Sirsi Forest Division) for building stone quarry and its approach road in favour of M/s Shrinidhi Stone Crusher, 57/2, Manjuguni village, Sirsi Taluk, Uttara Kannada District.

**Proposal No. FP/KA/QR/35030/2018 [FORM A]**

- Ref:**
1. Online proposal [FORM-A PART-I] dated 15-03-2021 (re submitted) of M/s Shrinidhi Stone Crusher, 57/2, Manjuguni village, Sirsi Taluk, Uttara Kannada District r/w acknowledgement uploaded online on 25-03-2021 by user agency for having delivered the hard copy proposal to jurisdictional Deputy Conservator of Forests and Deputy Commissioner.
  2. This office online communication dated 26-03-2021 to Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sirsi for further processing of proposal.
  3. Online submission of PART-II on 14-09-2021 by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sirsi r/w online reply dated 08-03-2022.
  4. Online submission of PART-III on 19-07-2021 by the Chief Conservator of Forests, Kanara Circle r/w online reply dated 10-03-2022 [letter No.B2/GFL/Quarry/CR-16/2021-22 dated 09-03-2022]

1. M/s Shrinidhi Stone Crusher, Manjuguni village, Sirsi Taluk, Uttara Kannada District [user agency] vide ref (1) has submitted an online proposal [FORM-A PART-I] under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 through FC web portal seeking approval for diversion of 1.97 ha of forest land in Khurse village

Sy No. 61, Sampakanda Hobli, Sirsi Taluk, Uttara Kannada District (Sirsi Forest Division) for building stone quarry and its approach road. After uploading of acknowledgement on 25-03-2021 by user agency for having delivered the hard copies of the proposal to jurisdictional DCF & DC, an online communication was made by the Nodal Officer (FCA) vide ref (2) to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sirsi to process the said proposal and to submit specific opinion / recommendation.

**2. Location details and Component-wise breakup of forest land requirement:**

The details of the location of forest land and component wise requirement are given below.

| District,<br>Taluk, Hobli,<br>Village                                 | Village | Sy No. | Project<br>component     | Forest extent<br>proposed for<br>diversion (ha) | Legal status<br>of land |
|---|---------|--------|--------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| Uttara<br>Kannada<br>District,<br>Sirsi Taluk,<br>SampakandaH<br>obli | Khurse  | 61     | Building Stone<br>Quarry | 1.7   | Reserved<br>Forest      |
|   |         |        | Approach Road            | 0.27  |                         |
| Total   |         |        |                          | 1.97  |                         |

- 3. Report of DCF, Sirsi Division:** The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sirsi has inspected the project site on 14-07-2021 and vide ref (3) has submitted the site inspection report along with other information in PART-II to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Kanara Circle, Sirsi. In the said report, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sirsi has recommended the proposal for consideration. Main features of the forest land proposed for diversion based on the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sirsi report r/w with the reports of the Chief Conservator of Forests, Kanara Circle and that of ICT Centre of the Forest Department are given below.

- Since the forest land proposed for diversion area has low to moderate slope, erosion can only be expected during heavy rains.
- The forest land proposed for diversion is in general landscape of eco-class-I (moist mixed deciduous forest) with a canopy density of up to 0.5 (open forest).
- As per Item 4(ii) of PART-II, there are 1328 trees in different girth classes. Main tree species include *Acacia Auriculiformis*, *Terminalia Chebula*, *Dalburgia Sisoo*, *Cinnamomum Zeylanicum*, *Artocarpus Hirsuta*, *Pterocarpus Marsupium*, *Terminalia Paniculata*, *Terminalia Tomentosa*, *Mangifera Indica*, *Garcinia Indica*, *Lagistromia Lanceolata*,

*embelica officinalis*, *Syzigium Cumini*, *Mimusops Elengi*, *Ailantus Excelra*, *Terminalia Bellarica* and others.

- d. Main wild animals reported in and around the project area include *snakes*, *spotted deer*, *fox*, *mouse deer* etc.
- e. There are no rare / endangered / unique species of flora and fauna reported in and around the forest land proposed for diversion.
- f. The forest land proposed for diversion does not form part of any national park/ wildlife sanctuary/ biosphere reserve/ tiger reserve/ elephant corridor/ wildlife migration corridor, etc.
- g. There are no protected/ archaeological/ heritage sites or defence establishments or important monuments in the area.
- h. There is no violation reported under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
- i. The requirement of forest land for the project is bare minimum and unavoidable.

4. **Report of CCF, Kanara Circle:** The Chief Conservator of Forests, Kanara Circle has inspected the site on 04-10-2021 and has agreed with the report of Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sirsi. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Kanara Circle vide ref (4) has submitted his report in PART-III and has also recommended the proposal.
5. **Net Present Value (NPV):** The user agency is required to pay the Net Present Value (NPV) of forest land proposed for diversion as per para 3.1 to 3.4 of the FC guidelines communicated by Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, New Delhi vide F.No. 5-3/2011-FC (Vol-I) dated 06-01-2022 and 19-01-2022. **The user agency has submitted an undertaking agreeing to pay the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land proposed for diversion.**
6. **Compensatory Afforestation (CA):** The user agency is required to provide an equivalent extent of suitable non-forest land in accordance with FC guidelines. Further, as per Government of Karnataka Order No. FEE 88 FLL 2016 dated 31-08-2016 pertaining to FC proposals of private user agencies, such CA land needs to be a private land either as forest enclosure or adjoining an existing forest area in man-animal conflict zone. In addition, the user agency is also required to pay the CA charges as per prevailing rates. **The user agency has identified an extent of 1.97 ha of non-forest (private) land in two locations (0.92 ha in Sy No. 38 of Manadoor Village, Hulekere Hobli and 1.05 ha in Sy No. 215 of Mundaganamane Village, Sampakanda Hobli) Sirsi Taluk, UttaraKannada**

District. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sirsi has issued the compensatory afforestation land suitability certificate dated 07-12-2020 for the said lands. The details of CA land in form of Topo map, Geo-referenced map with GPS readings of all corners and KML file have already been uploaded by the user agency in PART-I of the proposal. Further, the CA scheme and CA suitability certificate dated 07-12-2020 (also uploaded in additional information details of PART-I) of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari have also been submitted/uploaded online. As there are 1328 trees for felling on forest land proposed for diversion, the user agency is required to pay the compensatory planting charges in accordance with the PCCF (HoFF) O.M. KFD/HOFF/A5-3(GFL)/34/2019-FC [E-88289] dated 19-04-2021. The user agency has agreed to pay the compensatory planting charges and has submitted an undertaking in this regard.

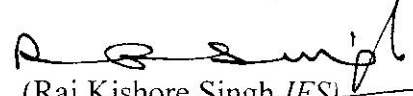
7. **Status of RoFR compliance:** With regard to compliance of the provisions of Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forests Rights) Act 2006 and Rules 2008, the user agency has not furnished the requisite certificate in FORM-II (non-linear/hybrid projects) issued by the jurisdictional Deputy Commissioner as per Annexure II of the FC guidelines communicated by Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, New Delhi vide F.No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28-03-2019.
8. **Additional information:** The user agency has proposed unbroken forest land for quarry purpose, while there are a number of broken up areas already available in the district. Further, there is huge quantity of boulders excavated during NH work in Stage-I approved proposals of NHAI, that have not been disposed of through e-auction and NHAI has been requesting the Forest Department to remove such material. Only about 4.5 lakh MT out of estimated 11 lakh MT could be auctioned in Karwar/Sirsi Divisions. The field officers were directed to take action on above issue and submit a report during processing the proposal vide this office letter dated 05-04-2021. As per the report of Mines and Geology Department enclosed by Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sirsi in his letter dated 08-03-2022, the e-auction of the available material is in progress and currently 6,76,331.8 MT could be auctioned. Moreover, the proposed area has 1328 trees and breaking of high density forest for building stone quarry is not a site specific activity.

Taking into consideration the above facts, it is requested not to recommend the proposal to Government of India under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 1.97 ha of forest land in Khurse village Sy No. 61, Sampakanda Hobli, Sirsi Taluk, Uttara Kannada District (Sirsi Forest Division)

**for building stone quarry and its approach road in favour of M/s Shrinidhi Stone Crusher, 57/2, Manjuguni village, Sirsi Taluk, Uttara Kannada District.**

The hard copy of the proposal along with the relevant documents in 3 sets is submitted herewith for further needful. The present status of the proposal obtained from the web-portal is also appended for necessary action.

Yours faithfully

  
(Raj Kishore Singh IES)

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Forest Force)

5.5.22

**Copy to the:**

1. Chief Conservator of Forests, Kanara Circle, Sirsi for information.
2. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sirsi Division, Sirsi for information.
3. **M/s Shrinidhi Stone Crusher, 57/2, Manjuguni village, Sirsi Taluk, Uttara Kannada District** for information.

**PART – IV**

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

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| <p>Detailed opinion &amp; specific recommendation of the State Forest Department for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with remarks.</p> <p><i>(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.)</i></p> | <p>The proposal is <b>not recommended</b> under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 1.97 ha of forest land in Khurse village Sy No. 61, Sampakanda Hobli, Sirsi Taluk, Uttara Kannada District (Sirsi Forest Division) for building stone quarry and its approach road in favour of M/s Shrinidhi Stone Crusher, 57/2, Manjuguni village, Sirsi Taluk, Uttara Kannada District.</p> <p>[Proposal No. FP/KA/QRY/35030/2018 ]</p> |
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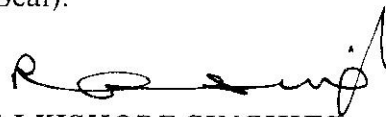
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**VIJAY SHARMA IFS**  
**Principal Chief Conservator of Forests**  
**(Forest Conservation) and**  
**Nodal Officer (FCA)**

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Name:  
Designation:



**RAJ KISHORE SINGH IFS**  
**Principal Chief Conservator of Forests**  
**(Head of Forest Force)**

(Official Seal):

N.D.O. No: 05 /2022-23

Date: 10 -05-2022