

Recommendations of the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in its Meeting held on 28-8-2003.

The proposal was discussed by the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in detail. Managing Director of the User Agency has also presented the case before FAC. After careful examination of the proposal and considering the irrigation requirement of Hubli and Dharwad districts, the Committee recommends the diversion of 258.00 ha. of forest land for construction of Kalasa Nala Diversion Scheme in district Belgaum, Karnataka, subject to fulfillment of following conditions:-

1. Immediate transfer and mutation of equivalent Non-forest land in favour of State Forest Department. This land shall be notified as RF by the State Forest Department under Indian Forest Act, 1927.
2. Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised and maintained over equivalent non-forest land by the State Forest Department at the project cost.
3. The User Agency shall construct 4 (four) feet high RCC pillars with forward and back bearings to demarcate the area.
4. The entire reservoir created due to submergence shall be declared Reserved Forests under Indian Forest Act, 1927. However, regulated fishing rights shall be allowed.
5. Plantations along the banks of the reservoir shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department at the project cost.
6. Trees below 2 meter of FRL shall not be cut.
7. Stage-II clearance will be granted only after the Inter-State dispute regarding this project between Karnataka and Goa are settled and the relevant papers are submitted to this Ministry from both the State Governments and the Ministry of Water Resources, Government of India.
8. Other Standard conditions.

(N.K. Joshi)
DGF & SS
Chairman

(Dr. V.K. Bahuguna)
IGF(FC)
Member Secy.

(A.K. Shrivastava)
Addl. Contr.(MoAg.)
Member

(Shri S. Subbarayalu)
Member

(Prof. B.B. Dhar)
Member

(Dr. P.K. Pande)
Member

In view of the recommendations of the Forest Advisory Committee, MEF may like to **approve** the proposal for diversion of 258.00 ha. of forest land for construction of Kalasa Nala Diversion Scheme in district Belgaum, Karnataka, subject to fulfillment of conditions mentioned above.

DGF & SS

MEF-

No. 8-72/2001-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment and Forests
F.C. Division

Paryavaran Bhawan,
CGO Complex, Lodhi Road,
New Delhi - 110 003.
Dated: 26-12-2003

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Please find enclosed herewith the minutes of the meeting held on 22-12-2003 under the chairmanship of Director General of Forests & Special Secretary, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India regarding construction of diversion scheme of Kalasa Nala and Bandur Nala, District Belgaum, Karnataka for information.


(Anurag Bajpai)
Asst. Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, Govt. of India.
2. Secretary, Department of Water Resources, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.
3. Secretary, Department of Irrigation, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.
4. Secretary, Department of Water Resources, Government of Goa, Panaji.
5. Secretary, Department of Irrigation, Government of Goa, Panaji.
6. Secretary (Forest and Environment), Government of Goa, Panaji.
7. Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Goa, Panaji.
8. CMD, Karnataka Neeravari Niagam Limited, 4th Floor, Coffee Board Building, No. 1, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bangalore - 560001.
9. Central Water Commission, Sewa Bhawan, R.K. Puram, New Delhi.
10. PS to DGF & SS for information.
11. PS to IGF for information.
12. File.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22-12-2003 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FORESTS & SPECIAL SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF DIVERSION SCHEME OF KALASA NALA AND BANDUR NALA, DISTRICT BELGAUM, KARNATAKA.

Officers attended:

1. Shri P. Padmanabhan, Senior Joint Commissioner (Project), Ministry of Water Resources, Government of India.
2. Anurag Bajpai, AIG.
 - Principal Secretary, Karnataka could not attend the meeting
 - Government of Goa requested through fax that no meeting may be held in this regard till there is final settlement of interstate dispute.

Proceedings:

- Issue of interstate dispute was examined with reference to the proposals of Govt. of Karnataka, letter received from Ministry of Water Resources, Govt. of India and letter received from Government of Goa.
2. Ministry of Water Resources informed that:
 - In principle approval was given to the proposals on presumption that Government of Goa have no objection.
 - But, Government of Goa have objected strongly. It is also clear from the letter of Government of Goa dated: 15-12-2003, send to the Ministry of Environment & Forests by fax.
 - Therefore, Ministry of Water Resources kept the in-principle approval in abeyance.
 - Since, inter-state dispute is involved, it will be dealt by a Tribunal under Water Disputes Act.
 - Availability of water is being assessed. Government of Goa still has objections.
 - In June 2002, the State Government tried for negotiations and settlement. In December, 2002, Water Minister took meeting of Chief Ministers. It was held that Government of Goa and Central Water Commission (CWC) will assess the water availability.
 - Ministry of Water Resources is seized of the problem. Therefore, Ministry of Water Resources has requested that forestry clearance should not be given till the matter is sorted out by Ministry of Water Resources in consultation with both the States.
3. Government of Goa has also requested through a fax letter dated: 15-12-2003 that no meeting may be held in this regard till there is final settlement of interstate dispute.


 (Anurag Bajpai)
 Asstt. Inspector General of Forests