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To,

Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Shivamogga Division,
Shivamogga

Respected Sir,

Subject : Submission of compliance report to the EDS query raised regarding Proposal No: FP/KA/TRANS/42309/2019 related to Re-diversion and change in land use of 7.53 Ha forest land in Shivamogga and Koppa forest divisions for 220 kV Transmission line work of Upper Bhadra Project, Package-1.

- Reference :**
1. Forest Proposal No: FP/KA/TRANS/42309/2019
 2. The approval under Section-2 of FC act, 1980 (Stage-2) for the diversion of 449.55 Ha for UTP obtained vide MoEF letter No: F.No:8-30/97-FC dated: 14-12-2004.
 3. The Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Karnataka, Forest, Ecology and Environment Development, M.S Building, Bengaluru office letter No: FEE 42 FLL 2021 (e) dated: 14-06-2021
 4. The Deputy inspector General of Forests (Central), MoEF, Integrated Regional office, Kendriya Sadan, Koramangala, Bengaluru office letter No: F.No.4 KRC1298/2021-BAN 172 dated: 30-06-2021
 5. This office letter No: 405 dated: 13-7-2021
 6. The Executive Engineer, KNNL, Upper Tunga Project Division, Shivamogga office letter No: 1002 dated: 20-07-2021.
 7. This office letter No: 578 dated: 25-08-2021
 8. The Government of Karnataka Notification No: Apajil30 FAF 2024 dated: 24-12-2024 issued by Under Secretary, Ministry of Forest, Ecology and Environment.
 9. The Executive Engineer, KNNL, Upper Tunga Project Division, Shivamogga office letter No: 2664 dated: 06-01-2025.

With reference to the above cited subject, vide ref (3) the proposal for diversion of 3.4007 Ha of forest land and Re-diversion of 4.1294 Ha of forest land in Koppa and Shivamogga forest division for the 220 KV Transmission line work under Upper Bhadra Project, Package-1 was recommended by the state government and the same was submitted to MoEF, Integrated Regional office, Kendriya Sadan,

Koramangala, Bengaluru on dated: 16-06-2021 for Stage-1 approval. After verification, vide ref (4), the Deputy inspector General of Forests (Central), MoEF has requested to furnish few clarification/information.

Earlier vide ref (7), the compliance report for the clarification/information sought by MoEF was submitted. As one of the condition laid in the Stage-2 forest clearance for Upper Tunga Project was under compliance stage, the further submission of compliance report was pending. Vide ref (8), the State Government has declared the reservoir portion of Upper Tunga Project as forest area and the same was communicated by the Executive Engineer, KNNL, Upper Tunga Project Division, Shivamogga vide ref (9).

Hence the revised compliance for the clarification/information sought by the Deputy inspector General of Forests (Central), MoEF is submitted as below,

SI No	Clarification/information sought	Compliance
1	Map depicting the alternatives examined along with its details.	At the time of preparation of project proposal, three alternate alignments were examined of which alignment No-2 was found more feasible. Even though alignment No-1 is shorter in length, the foundations for transmission line towers are technically not feasible. The alignment No-2 was situated well within the diverted land of Upper Tunga project and does not require fresh forest land for the said work. The map showing the alternate alignments and comparative statement showing the feasibility of alignments are annexed here with as Annexure-A and B respectively.
2	Legible map showing area proposed re-diversion and fresh diversion	The legible map along with the details of Re-diversion and fresh diversion is annexed here with as Annexure-C .
3	Details of compliance report for the conditions stipulated by Ministry vide letter dated 14/12/2004 for diversion of 449.55 Ha of forest land to Upper Tunga Project.	It was requested to the Executive Engineer, KNNL, Upper Tunga Project Division, Shivamogga (Primary User Agency) to provide a copy of compliance report for the conditions stipulated by MoEF vide letter dated 14/12/2004. Primary User Agency has provided the copy of the compliance report. The same is annexed here with as Annexure-D .

The Upper Bhadra Project, Package-1 is the major source of the UBP, Scheme, as the work of power supply arrangement is critical and essential activity to commission the UBP, Package-1 LIS. Without the power supply arrangement, the package work will be incomplete. The compliance to the information sought by the Deputy inspector General of Forests (Central), MoEF is submitted for kind information and hereby requested to recommend the proposal no: FP/KA/TRANS/42309/2019 for In-Principle (Stage-1) approval as earliest.

Yours faithfully,


Executive Engineer,
VJNL, UBP Division-02,
 B R Project