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Site Inspection Report

This site Inspection report is with regard to Re-diversion proposal of Forest area, Proposal No: FP/KA/TRANS/42309/2019 submitted by the User Agency- Executive Engineer, VJNL, Upper Bhadra Project Division-02, B.R.Project. The Proposed project envisages providing 220 Kv transmission line (35 meter width corridor) for the Upper Bhadra project, Package-1 from Varahi-Shivamogga 220 KV transmission line near Kanagalakoppa, Thirthalli taluk, Shivamogga District to Muthinakoppa village, Koppa Division, Chickamgalur District.

The User Agency has requested for permission to lay Transmission line 220Kv for Upper Bhadra Project, Package-1 from Kanagalakoppa village to Muttinakoppa Village. The proposed transmission line area falls in two Divisions 1) Shimoga Forest Division-3.4906Ha. and 2) Koppa Forest Division- 4.0394Ha. The Site inspection of the proposed Re-diversion area falling inside the Koppa Forest Division has been done by me on dated: 21-10-2020.

The project involves construction of 220 Kv transmission line with 35 meters of corridor width. The proposed transmission passes through K.Kanaburu Village Sy.No. 82(0.2713Ha), 83 (0.6063Ha), 97(0.4741Ha), 98 (0.1033Ha), 99 (0.592Ha.), Tunga River Course (0.914Ha) and Muthinakoppa Village Sy.No 73 (1.0783Ha). The forest area required in Koppa Forest Division is 4.0394Ha.

The land in K.Kanabur village Sy.No 82, 83, 97, 98, 99 was acquired by the Visvesvarayya Jala Nigama Limited, Govt. of Karnataka for construction of reservoir on the Tunga river vide Upper Tunga Project. However as per the condition No.11 stipulated in the final approval for diversion of 449.55Ha forest land for Upper Tunga Project " The Reservoir so created shall be declared as 'Reserve Forest' under Indian Forest Act and regulated fishing rights shall be allowed ". It was required to declare the reservoir area as Reserve Forest.

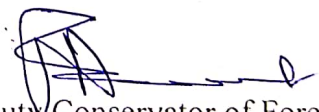
Accordingly, the acquired land in Sy.No 82, 83, 97, 98, 99 of K.Kanabur village and Sy.No 73 of Muthinakoppa village has been transferred and mutated in the name of the forest department. The RTC (Records of Rights, Tenancy and Crops) issued by the Revenue Department of the above mentioned Survey Numbers, records the rights of land in the favor of the Forest Department.

Also, part area of Sy.No 73 of Muthinakoppa village notified as "Muthinakoppa Minor Forest" vide Notification No. G.13205-Ft.7-29-47, dt:8th May 1930 was diverted for construction of water reservoir on Tunga River vide Upper Tunga Project to an extent of 449.55 Ha, the forest area diversion was approved by the MoEF vide letter No:F.No:8-30/97-FC dated:14-12-2004. Now, a part of this diverted forest area is requested again to be Re-diverted for transmission line laying.

The proposed area for Re-diversion has been acquired and diverted (FC approval) for construction of reservoir on Tunga River vide Upper Tunga Project. Since these lands were acquired and diverted for purpose of providing irrigation, the present proposal (Upper Bhadra Project) does not hinder with the earlier purpose of land use and have the same objectives. Also, both the projects, Upper Tunga project and Upper Bhadra Project comes under the same water resource department, Govt. of Karnataka.

The project is a linear project and essential to supply electrical power to the water lifting pump houses constructed on the canal linking the Tunga River catchment with Bhadra Reservoir. The project of construction of the canal linking the Tunga River with the Bhadra Dam is already approved by the Govt. of India for an extent of 96.95 Ha vide final approval by the MoEF vide letter No. NO.4-KRA 1037/204-BAN/211 dated: 17-06-2020.

The transfer of excess water from the Tunga River to the Bhadra Dam (interlinking of rivers) will facilitate Irrigation and Drinking water supply for dry Districts of the Karnataka state. Hence the "Online proposal No:FP/KA/TRANS/42309/2019 submitted by the User Agency Executive Engineer, VJNL, Upper Bhadra Project Division-02, B.R.Project" is recommended to be considered for Re-diversion of the Forest Land.


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