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The Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Karnataka, Forest, Ecology & Environment Department, M.S.Building, Dr.Ambedkar Veedhi, Bangalore – 560 001.

Subject:

Diversion of 5 acres (2.02 ha) of forest land in Sy.No.47 of Chipgi village in Sirsi taluk for construction of hospital by M/s Totagars Co-operative Sale Society Limited, Sirsi.

Sir,

Kindly refer to the State Government's letter No.FEE 338 FGL 99 dated 08/11/2000 and 14/12/2001 seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section'2' of project (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above project. The in-principle (Stage-I) approval to the project was accorded by the Central Government vide letter of even number dated 16/01/2002, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

- (i) Demarcation of the forest area shall be got done by erecting a boundary wall at the cost of User Agency.
- (ii) The cost of raising Compensatory Afforestation (revised as on date to incorporate existing wage structure) over 4.0 ha. of degraded forest land shall be recovered from the User Agency.

The State Government vide letter letter No.FEE 15 FLL 2007 dated 27/01/2007 had reported compliance/ acceptance to the conditions stipulated by the Central Government in the in-principle approval. Subsequently, Regional Office, Bangalore vide letter No.F©A/11.2/193/KAR/BC/2430 dated 09/03/2007 had stipulated the following additional conditions:-

- (i) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest area measuring 2.02 ha. proposed for diversion under this proposal from the user agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 30/10/2002 and 01/08/2003 in IA No.566 in WP⊚ No.202/95 and as per the guidelines issued by Ministry vide letter No.5-1/1998-FC(Pt.II) dated 18/09/2003 and 22/09/2003 in this regard.
- (ii) Additional amount of Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on

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receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the user agency. The user agency shall furnish the undertaking to this effect.

(iii) The funds received from the user agency towards CA & NPV under this project shall be transferred to Ad-hoc CAMPA in account number CA-1582 of Corporation Bank II, CGO Complex, Phase-I, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110 003.

The State Government vide letter No.FEE 85 FLL 2011 dated 25/01/2012 had reported that the User Agency had paid Rs.21,06,860/- towards NPV in the Adhoc CAMPA account. However, the deposition details of funds received towards CA in CAMPA account was not reported. Addl. PCCF, Karnataka vide letter No.A5(2) GFL.CR.13/98-99 dated 27/02/2016 has furnished the details of deposition of funds received towards CA in Adhoc CAMPA and Adhoc CAMPA, New Delhi vide letter No.1-17/2013-CAMPA dated 07/04/2016 has confirmed the receipt of funds.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am directed to convey Central Government's approval (Stage-II) under Section'2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980' for diversion of 5 acres (2.02 ha) of forest land in Sy.No.47 of Chipgi village in Sirsi taluk for construction of hospital by M/s Totagars Co-operative Sale Society Limited, Sirsi, for a period of 20 years, subject to the following additional conditions:-

- (1) The Compensatory Afforestation (CA) shall be raised over 4.04 ha. of degraded forest land in F.S.No.27 of Akkunji Village, Siddapur Taluk at the cost of User Agency. The State Government shall obtain prior permission of Central Government for any change of compensatory Afforestation site.
- (2) Handing and taking over of land and commencement of work in the land shall be done within a period of two years from the date of Stage-II approval.
- (3) The DGPS readings of the 4.04 ha. of degraded forest land identified for Compensatory Afforestation as well as the forest land diverted shall be communicated to this office within 30 days of transfer of the forest land.
- (4) Violation of any of the conditions shall invite penal action, as deemed fit by the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bangalore.

Yours faithfully,

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(S.M. Somashekar) Chief Conservator of Forests (Central)

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- (4) M/s Totagars Co-operative Sale Society Limited, Sirsi (Karnataka)

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