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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 2.168 hectare of forest land in Chitrabhanukote Village Sy No.62, Naganur Village Sy No. 80, Laxanatti Village Sy No. 94 and Dadanatti Village Sy No. 79, Mudhol Taluk, Bagalkot District for laying Rising Main (Pipeline) under Veerabhadreshwara Lift irrigation Scheme in favour of the Executive Engineer, Karnataka Neeravari Nigama Limited (KNNL), Ghataprabha Right Bank Canal Construction (GRBCC) Division No.5, Koujalagi, Gokak Taluk, Belagavi District.

Proposal No. FP/KA/IRRIG/28934/2017 [FORM A]

- Ref:**
1. Online proposal [FORM-A PART-I] dated 20-08-2020 (Resubmitted) of Executive Engineer, Karnataka Neeravari Nigama Limited (KNNL), Ghataprabha Right Bank Canal Construction (GRBCC) Division No.5, Koujalagi, Gokak Taluk, Belagavi District r/w Acknowledgement uploaded online on 08-09-2020 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 18-09-2020 to Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bagalkot and Gokak Division (s) for further processing of proposal.
 3. Online submission of PART-II on 12-11-2021 by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Gokak Division [letter No.B2/Bhoomi/VLIS/RV/2021-22 dated 11-11-2021]
 4. Online submission of PART-II on 07-08-2021 by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bagalkot Division.
 5. Online submission of PART-III on 03-12-2021 by the Chief Conservator of Forests, Belagavi Circle [letter No.A7/LND/FC/Veerbshwr/CR- /2020-21 dated 02-12-2021]

1. The Executive Engineer, Karnataka Neeravari Nigama Limited (KNNL), Ghataprabha Right Bank Canal Construction (GRBCC) Division No.5, Koujalagi, Gokak Taluk, Belagavi District [USER AGENCY] vide ref (1) has submitted an online proposal [FORM-A PART-I] through FC web portal seeking approval under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 2.168 hectare of forest land in Chitrabhanukote Village Sy No.62, Naganur Village Sy No. 80, Laxanatti Village Sy No. 94 and Dadanatti Village Sy No. 79, Mudhol Taluk, Bagalkot District for laying raising main (Pipeline) under Veerabhadreshwara lift irrigation scheme after uploading of acknowledgement on 08-09-2020 by User Agency for having delivered the hard copies of the proposal to jurisdictional Deputy Conservator of Forests and Deputy Commissioner, an online communication was made by the Nodal Officer (FCA) vide ref (2) to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Belagavi Division to process the proposal under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 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, Taluk, Hobli,	Village	Sy No.	Forest extent proposed for diversion (ha)	Legal status of land
Bagalkot District, Mudhol Taluk and Lokapura Hobli	Chitrabhanukote	62	1.3372	Reserved Forest
	Naganapur	80	0.1135	
	Laxanatti	94	0.037	
	Dadanatti	79	0.6804	
Total			2.1681	

Component wise breakup of the forest land proposed for diversion is given below.

Name of Project component (laying Rising main (pipeline))		Forest extent proposed for diversion (ha)
1	Pump house	0
2	Pipe line(Rising Main)	2.15133
3	Surge Tank	0.0168
4	Delivery Chamber	0
Total		2.1681

3. **DCF, Gokak Division Report:** The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Gokak Division, vide ref (3) reported that the site has been inspected by the Assistant Conservator of Forests, Ramdurga on 28-10-2021. as per their report, no forest land comes in between Gokak Division.
4. **Report of DCF, Bagalkot Division:** The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bagalkot Division has inspected the site on 24-11-2021 and vide ref (4) has submitted his report

along with site inspection report in PART-II to Chief Conservator of Forests, Belagavi . Based on the reports of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bagalkot Division r/w report of Chief Conservator of Forests, Belagavi and that of ICT Centre of Forest Department, main features of the proposal are summarized below.

- a. The forest land proposed for diversion is not vulnerable to soil erosion.
- b. The forest land proposed for diversion is in general landscape of Eco-class-IV (Tropical Thorn forest) with a Canopy Density of up to 0.1.
- c. As per Item 4(ii) of PART-II, there are 320 trees in different girth classes. Main tree species include *Eucalyptus*, *Azadirachta Indica*, *Albezzia Amara*, *Cassia Fistula*, *Holoptelia integrifolia* and others.
- d. Main wild animals reported in and around the project area include Peafowl, Fox, Wolf, Snakes, Striped Hyena.
- e. There are no other 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.

5. **CCF, Belagavi Circle Report:** The Chief Conservator of Forests, Belagavi has agreed with the report of Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bagalkot Division. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Belagavi vide ref (4) has submitted his report in PART-III and has also recommended the proposal.

6. **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. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28-03-2019. **The User Agency has submitted an undertaking agreeing to pay the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land proposed for diversion.**

7. **Compensatory Afforestation (CA):** The User Agency being a State Government Agency is required to provide an equivalent extent of non-forest land towards Compensatory Afforestation. Further, as per Para 2.4(i) of the latest FC Guidelines of Government of India communicated vide letter F.No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28-03-2019, the revenue lands and all such categories of forest lands not under management and/or administrative control of the Forest Department, on which the provisions of FC Act

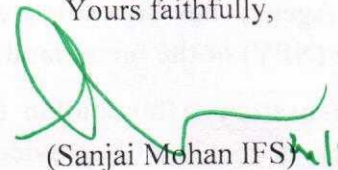
1980 are applicable, shall be considered for the purpose. However, such lands are to be provided double in extent to the area proposed for diversion. Accordingly, **the User Agency has identified an extent of 5.66 hectare of Deemed Forest land in Sy No. 25/1A of Mugalolli Village, Sheethimani Hobli, Bagalkote Taluk and District for CA purpose. The Deputy Commissioner, Bagalkote District vide Order No. GAB/LND.CR/675/2020-21 dated 22/06/2021 has allotted the said land to Forest Department.** Further, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bagalkot has issued the CA land suitability certificate in Item 13 of PART-II of the proposal. The hard copies of CA related information (Topo Map, Geo-referenced Map, CA Land Suitability Certificate) are enclosed herewith. Further, **the User Agency has also submitted an undertaking agreeing to pay the compensatory afforestation charges.**

8. **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 already furnished the requisite **Certificate in FORM-I (for linear projects)** issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bagalkote District vide No. RBLND.CR.603/2020-21 dated 16-06-2021(copy enclosed).

In light of the facts stated above, it is requested to move the proposal with the Government of India for according 'in-principle' (Stage-I) approval for diversion of 2.168 hectare of forest land in Chitrabhanukote Village Sy No.62, Naganur Village Sy No. 80, Laxanatti Village Sy No. 94 and Dadanatti Village Sy No. 79, Mudhol Taluk, Bagalkot District for laying rising main (Pipeline) under Veerabhadreshwara lift irrigation scheme in favour of the Executive Engineer, Karnataka Neeravari Nigama Limited (KNNL), Ghataprabha Right Bank Canal Construction (GRBCC) Division No.5, Koujalagi, Gokak Taluk, Belagavi District for a period of 20 years subject to the conditions appended in Annexure 'A'.

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 FC web portal is also appended for information.

Yours faithfully,



(Sanjai Mohan IFS)
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)

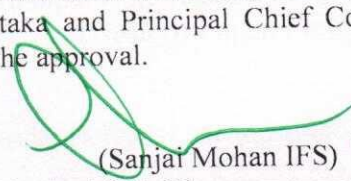
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1. Chief Conservator of Forests, Belagavi Circle, Belagavi for information.
2. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ghataprabha Division, Gokak for information

3. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bagalkot Division for information and directed to submit CA Scheme in prescribed format as per the FC Guidelines.
4. Executive Engineer, Karnataka Neeravari Nigama Limited (KNNL), GRBCC Division No. 5, Kaujalagi, Gokak Taluk, Belagavi District 591 227 for information and with a request to obtain CA scheme by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bagalkot Division as per 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.

ANNEXURE - A


1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged and it shall continue to be forest land.
2. The User Agency shall pay the applicable Net Present Value (NPV), Compensatory, Plantation cost of extraction of trees, land lease rent and any other levies as per the conditions of approval.
3. The User Agency shall demarcate the lease area in the manner specified at the time of approval at its own cost.
4. The lessee shall not sub-lease, mortgage and hypothecate the forest area.
5. The Lessee shall provide signages in appropriate dimensions and kind near the proposed Rising Main (Pipeline) within forest limits for sensitization of general public towards the forest, wildlife and environmental issues in consultation with the jurisdictional Deputy Conservator of Forests.
6. The User Agency shall construct a 6 feet high compound wall around the project area to prevent the entry of wild animals into the project area and to avoid spreading of municipal waste inside the forest area.
7. The leased out area should be used for the purpose for which it is granted. In case the land is not used for the stipulated purpose within two years or when it is no longer needed for the stipulated purpose, the area would stand resumed to the Forest Department.
8. No change in Land Use Plan on forest land shall be done except with prior approval of Government of India under FC Act 1980.
9. The application for renewal of the lease in the prescribed form and manner shall be submitted at least six months prior to the expiry of forest lease. In case no renewal is sought, the Lessee shall hand over the lease.
10. No residential or commercial buildings shall be permitted in the forest area proposed for diversion.
11. No crushing / breaking of stones or labour camp shall be allowed on forest land and all waste / debris generated shall be scientifically disposed off outside the forest area.
12. Any damage to forest area because of implementation of the proposal shall be compensated by the Lessee. The extent of damage shall be assessed by the jurisdictional Deputy Conservator of Forests/ Conservator of Forests/ Chief Conservator of Forests.
13. The Lessee shall ensure that no avoidable harm is caused to the fauna and flora in and around the proposed area.
14. In case, any violation of the provisions of the Karnataka Forest Act, 1963 & Rules, 1969 or other relevant Acts/Rules is reported during the lease period, the lease will be liable for forfeiture under Section 82 of Karnataka Forest Act, 1963. The Chief Conservator of Forests / Deputy Conservator of Forests concerned are authorized to take necessary action in this regard.
15. The approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is subject to any other clearances necessary under the prevailing statutes.
16. The User Agency shall also abide by other conditions those may be imposed by the Government of India, Government of Karnataka and Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) before or after the approval.


(Sanjai Mohan IFS) 211
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)


PART – IV

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

<p>Detailed opinion & 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>Recommended for moving the proposal to Government of India for according 'in-principle' (Stage-I) approval under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 2.168 hectare of forest land in Chitrabhanukote Village Sy No.62, Naganur Village Sy No. 80, Laxanatti Village Sy No. 94 and Dadanatti Village Sy No. 79, Mudhol Taluk, Bagalkot District for laying Rising Main (Pipeline) under Veerabhadreshwara lift irrigation scheme in favour of the Executive Engineer, Karnataka Neeravari Nigama Limited (KNNL), Ghataprabha Right Bank Canal Construction (GRBCC) Division No.5, Koujalagi, Gokak Taluk, Belagavi District for a period of twenty (20) years subject to the conditions listed in Annexure 'A'.</p> <p>[Proposal No. FP/KA/IRRIG/28934/2017]</p>
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Signature: 
Name: **RAJIV RANJAN IFS**
Designation: **Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Conservation) and
Nodal Officer (FCA)**

(Official Seal):

Counter signed by : 
Name: **SANJAY MOHAN IFS**
Designation: **Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)**

(Official Seal):

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Date: **04**-01-2022