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✓ The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
(Forest Conservation) and Nodal Officer (FCA),
Aranya Bhavan, Bengaluru.

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 23.3876 ha (Revised from 38.50 ha) of forest land for 130.00 MW of Power Storage Plant Project in Kurekuppe, Vaddu, Bannihatti, Taranagar, Lingadahalli, Kodalu, Chikkanthapura villages, Donimail RF, Sandur Taluka Ballari District in favour of M/s. JSW Renewable Energy (Vijayanagara) Limited, Toranagallu-reg.

Proposal No. FP/KA/HYD/152438/2022 [FORM-A]

Ref: 1) Online proposal sent from Nodal Officer (FCA), Bengaluru, to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari on 04-6-2022.
2) Letter No. M1/MNG/JSW/Renewable/HYD/2022-23(FC No. 152438) dated. 07-8-2023 of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari.

In light of the directions issued by your goodself having forwarded the online proposal under reference (1) cited above to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari, for processing the same, duly scrutinizing the online proposal received from the above user agency for diversion of 23.3876 ha (Revised from 38.50 ha) of forest land for 130.00 MW of Power Storage Plant Project in Kurekuppe, Vaddu, Bannihalli, Taranagar, Lingadahalli, Kodalu, Chikkanthapura villages, Donimail RF, Sandur Taluka Ballari District in favour of M/s. JSW Renewable Energy (Vijayanagara) Limited, Toranagallu, for further action

Accordingly, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari in his self contained report has stated that he has personally inspected the proposed forest land on 26-5-2023 and recommended the proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of forest land for the above purpose vide his letter (2) cited above. Ongoing through the report submitted by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari, the undersigned has also inspected the proposed site on 31-8-2023 and verified the ground realities in conformity with the pertinent maps and submitted the following insights of the aforesaid proposal sought for in diversion of forest land to the tune of 23.3876 ha. are brought to your kind notice for taking further needful action.

About the Proposal: Initially, the User Agency has submitted proposal for diversion of 38.50 ha, after the joint survey, the area has been reduced to 23.3876 hectares of forest land in transmission line passes through Kodalu RF, Ubbalagandi Extn RF, Bannihatti Sy.No.224(Section-04 proposed area) and Donimalai Forest Block.

Extent of Proposal: Component-wise Area Calculation in Ballari Division

Village wise details of the proposed Area for diversion are as following;

Villages wise breakup					Remarks /Status
Sl. No	Village	Project components	Forest Land (ha.)	Non-Forest Land (ha.)	
1	Vaddu	Power House / Surge Chamber/ TRT	0	49.5526	Kodalu RF, Ubbalagandi Extn RF, Bannihatti Sy.No.224(Section-04 proposed area) and Donimalai Forest Block
2	Karekuppe	Lower Reservoir	0	5.1724	
3	Bannihatti	Upper Reservoir	9.1	11.3758	
4	Taranagara	Transmission Line	4.117	10.5202	
5	Lingadahalli	Transmission Line	6.8264	9.1862	
6	Kodalu	Transmission Line	3.3442	12.6776	
7	Chikkananthapura	Transmission Line	0	5.6764	
Total			23.3876	104.1612	

Component wise breakup of Forest land involved in the project

Sl. No.	Project Component	Area (ha)
1	Upper Reservoir	9.1000
2	400KV Transmission Line	14.2876
Total Forest area		23.3876

- **Compensatory Afforestation:** M/s. JSW Renewable Energy (Vijayanagara) Limited, Toranagallu has identified the following CA land for Raising of Compensatory Afforestation

District, Taluk & Hobli	Village	Survey number	Extent proposed (In acres)	Extent proposed (In Ha).
Ballari, Siruguppa	Agasanur	13/A	22.72	9.19
		13/C	0.10	0.04
		13/1	15.00	6.07
		202/1	4.98	2.02
		202/2	4.79	1.94
		202/3	2.25	0.91
		202/4	2.15	0.87
		202/5	2.15	0.87
		202/6	2.14	0.87
		202/7	2.14	0.87
Grand total			58.42	23.65

It is reported that, the above CA land has not been transferred and mutated in favour of Forest Department. M/s. JSW Renewable Energy (Vijayanagara) Limited, Toranagallu has agreed to make payment for Compensatory Afforestation Charges. Further, the User Agency has given the undertaking stating that this land is identified for this project and is not proposed against any other FC proposals.

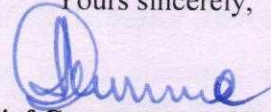
Net Present Value (NPV): The NPV amount has been revised as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India Dt: 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 and 09.05.2008 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 202/1995 and the guidelines issued by this Ministry vide its letter No. 5-3/2007-FC dated 05.02.2009. (i.e.Rs.12,28,590/- per hectares). Hence, the NPV amount (Rs. 2,87,33,771/-) as per existing rates may be recovered from lessee i.e. M/s. JSW Renewable Energy (Vijayanagar) Limited for an extent of 23.3876ha. in favour of M/s. JSW Renewable Energy (Vijayanagara) Limited, Toranagallu has submitted the undertaking stating that they would pay such charges as decided by the Government.

- It is reported that, the Certificate in Form-I under Forest Rights Act-2006 from the Deputy Commissioner is not been issued. However, M/s. JSW Renewable Energy (Vijayanagar) Limited has requested Deputy Commissioner, Ballari for issuance of the same vide letter Dt.03.06.2022. Copy of the request letter is enclosed with the proposal.
- It is reported that, the proposed forest land is not part of National Park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve and elephant corridor etc. Further, the proposed area is 8.00 km away from the Daroji Sloth Bear Sanctuary and 6.50 kms away from Eco-sensitive zone of Daroji Sloth Bear Sanctuary, 17.10 km away from the Gudekote Sloth Bear Sanctuary and 15.30 kms away from draft (proposed) Eco-sensitive zone of Gudekote Sloth Bear Sanctuary.

In view of the facts as categorically detailed above and based on the proposal submitted with the self contained detailed report by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari, I am of the opinion that this diversion of forest land over an extent of 23.3876 ha (Revised from 38.50 ha) of forest land for 130.00 MW of Power Storage Plant Project in Kurekuppe, Vaddu, Bannihalli, Taranagar, Lingadahalli, Kodalu, Chikkanthapura villages,

Donimail RF, Sandur Taluka Ballari District in favour of M/s. JSW Renewable Energy (Vijayanagara) Limited, Toranagallu may be considered as per the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The 4 sets of diversion of forest land proposal are enclosed herewith for your kind perusal and further needful action in the matter.

Yours sincerely,



**Chief Conservator of Forests,
Ballari Circle, Ballari.**