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Office of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force)



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No: A5(6).GFL.CR.10/2016-17 Ench. Proposal in 39et

To,

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government Forest, Environment and Ecology Department M.S. Building Bengaluru-560 001.

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 22.8 ha of forest land for relocation of tribal families from Nagarhole National Park to Maukal RF in Bhadragola village, Kodagu District in favour of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Virajpet Division, Virajpet.

- Ref: 1 Online Proposal No. FP/KA/REHAB/21487/2016 dated 17/10/2016 of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Virajpet Division, Virajpet (User Agency).
  - 2 Letter No. DCF/Vpet/LND/COMPLIANCE REPORT/1 /2017-18 Dated 16-08-2017 of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Virajpet Division, Virajpet.
  - 3 Letter No. Bhoomi/Girijana/punarvasathi/CR/7/2015-16 dated 14-09-2017 of the Chief Conservator of Forests, Kodagu Circle, Madikeri.
  - 4 Guidelines issued by GOI, MoEF & CC vide F.No. 5-3/2007-FC dated 08-09-2009

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The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Virajpet Division, who is also the User Agency in this case, vide Ref (1) above has submitted the FC proposal through web portal seeking approval under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 22.8 hectare of forest land for relocation of tribal families from the core zone of Nagarhole National Park to Maukal RF in Bhadragola village, Kodagu District.

The details of the forest land required for the project are given below.

Sl. No.	Purpose	Name of Village & Survey number	Status of Land	Extent (ha)
1		Bhadragola village Sy No 303	Maukal Reserved Forest	22.8
Total				22.8

The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Virajpet Division, vide Ref (2) has furnished the following details regarding the forest land proposed for diversion in Form-A Part-II:

- 1. Proposed area falls under Eco-Class-I Tropical Moist Deciduous Forest.
- The project site extends over 22.8 hectare in Maukal RF, a part of the notified buffer of Nagarahole Tiger Reserve.
- Tiger, Leopard, Wild dog, Elephant, Chital and Sambar are present in and around the forest land proposed for diversion.
- 4. The project site has 1940 trees belonging to 37 different species. It is a fragmented patch of Maukal Reserved Forest and is surrounded by Coffee estates on three sides and bounded by a public road on the fourth side.
- 5. There are no protected/ archaeological/ heritage sites or defence establishment or important monuments in the area.
- 6. There is no violation reported under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Further, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Virajpet Division, has inspected the site on 12-07-2017 and recommended the proposal for acceptance, as the proposed area is needed for rehabilitation/relocation of the tribal families living in interior forest areas of Nagarhole Tiger Reserve in the interest of wildlife in the said protected area.

The Chief Conservator of Forests, Kodagu Circle, Madikeri has also inspected the site on 05-09-2017 and recommended the proposal for diversion of forest land as it is essential for relocation of the said tribal families. Further, the same has been reiterated by him in Part –III of the proposal.

Regarding payment of Net Present Value (NPV), MoEF & CC vide its guidelines dated 08-09-2009 (reference-4) has exempted payment of NPV for relocation / rehabilitation of villages from National Park / Wildlife Sanctuary/ Tiger Reserves to alternative forest lands. Further, in the said Guidelines, the GOI has also conveyed its approval for changing the legal status of the forest land diverted under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for relocation / rehabilitation of villages from National Park / Wildlife Sanctuary/ Tiger Reserves from 'forest land' to 'revenue land'.

With regard to compensatory afforestation, necessary scheme for raising Compensatory Afforestation in degraded forest land (double the extent of forest land to be diverted) along with details of location will be submitted subsequently. Similarly, RoFR Certificate from the Deputy Commissioner is also awaited and would be submitted in the due course.

Under the above circumstances, agreeing with the recommendation of the field officers, it is requested to move the proposal to the Government of India, MoEF & CC, New Delhi for approval under Section -2 of Forest

(Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 22.8 hectare of forest land for relocation of tribal families from core zone of Nagarhole National Park to Maukal RF in Bhadragola village, Kodagu District in favour of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Virajpet Division, subject to the conditions appended in Annexure 'A'. The proforma particulars along with relevant documents in 3 sets are submitted herewith for kind perusal and further action.

Yours faithfully

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force)

Copy with compliments to Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) for information and necessary action.

Copy to the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Karnataka, for information and necessary action.

Copy to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Kodagu Circle, Madikeri for information and necessary action.

Copy to the Conservator of Forests & Director, Rajiv Gandhi National Park, Hunsur for information and necessary action. Information regardiong number of families proposed to be relocated to the proposed area may be provided.

Copy to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Virajpet Division, Virajpet for information and necessary action.

## PART-IV

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

Detailed opinion & specific recommendation of the State Department for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with remarks. (While giving opinion, the adverse comments made by

Conservator concerned of Forests or Deputy Conservator Forests should be categorically reviewed and critically commented upon).

Recommended for diversion of 22.8 ha of forest land for relocation of tribal families from core zone of Nagarhole National Park and Tiger Reserve to Maukal RF in Bhadragola village, Kodagu District in favour of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Virajpet Division, Virajpet subject to the conditions mentioned in Annexure 'A'.

(Proposal No. FP/KA/REHAB/21487 /2016).

Signature:

Name:

JAGMOHAN SHARMA IFS

Designation:

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of

Forests (Forest Conservation)

AND

Nodal Officer (FCA)

(Official Seal)

Countersigned by:

Name:

K.S. SUGARA IFS

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Designation: Principal Chief Conservator of Forests

(Head of Forest Force)

(Official Seal)

N.D.O. No: 27 /2017-18

Date: 40 -11-2017

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## ANNEXURE 'A'

- The forest area should be used for the purpose for which it is granted. In
  case the land is not used for the stipulated purpose within one year or
  when it is no longer needed for the stipulated purpose, the area should be
  resumed to the Forest Department.
- The User Agency shall ensure that there should be no damage to the available fauna and other flora.
- Demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20m at the cost of User Agency.
- The approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is subject to the clearance from SBWL/NBWL.
- The approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is subject to the clearance under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if required.
- The User Agency shall also abide by all the conditions imposed by Government of India, Government of Karnataka and Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force).

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force)