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(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಮತ್ತು ರೈಲ್ವೆ ಸಚಿವಾಲಯದ ಜಂಟಿ ಉದ್ಯಮ )

K RIDE/Projects/BSRP/Depot/Forest/57

Date: 27.03.2025

**The Deputy Conservator of Forests  
Bengaluru Rural Division  
Karnataka Forest Department  
Devanahalli**

Dear Sir,

**Sub.:** Compliance to the clarifications sought in connection with the diversion of 18.60 Ha of Forest land in Sy. No. 124 of Akkupete village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District for the construction of the Rail Depot under Bengaluru Sub – Urban Rail Project (BSRP) in favour of Manager, Rail Infrastructure Development Company (Karnataka) Limited, Samparka Soudha, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru. **Proposal No. FP/KA/RAIL/142190/2021 [Form – A].**

- Ref.:**
1. Online application no. FP/KA/RAIL/142190/2021 submitted in PARIVESH portal of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change dated 09.05.2021
  2. Online application no. FP/KA/RAIL/142190/2021 [Form - A Part -1] resubmitted in PARIVESH portal of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change dated 05.04.2022
  3. PCCF (HoFF), GoK letter no. KFD/HoFF/A5-4(GFL)/14/2021-FC dated 30.09.2024
  4. GoK letter no. FEE/252/FLL 2024(E) dated 04.11.2024 (Stage – 1 proposal)
  5. MoEF&CC, GoI, Regional Office, Bengaluru letter no. 4-KRC 1497/2024-BAN/483 dated 03.12.2024.
  6. PCCF (HoFF), GoK letter no. KFD/HoFF/A5-4(GFL)/14/2021-FC dated 18.12.2024.
  7. This office letter K-RIDE/Projects/BSRP/Depot/Forest/55 dated 24.03.2023;
  8. This office letter K-RIDE/Projects/BSRP/Depot/Forest/56 dated 24.03.2023;

Vide reference no. (5) above, the clarification have been sought by MoEF&CC, Regional office, Koramangala to Government of Karnataka was received on 07.12.2025 and the compliance to the clarifications have been submitted from this office to Government of Karnataka on 22.01.2025. However, the same queries were asked in PARIVESH portal on 01.03.2025 & advised this office to provide compliance, in which, the compliance of this office have been submitted in PARIVESH portal on 04.03.2025. The proposal in PARIVESH was sent back to this office stating for the submission through letter & hard copies. Accordingly, the compliance with necessary annexures was submitted vide

reference no. (8) above as hard copy & in PARIVESH. However, it is informed to address only the relevant observation pertaining to the user agency.

In this connection, the modified para wise replies are prepared and enclosed along with the respective annexures from our end, which may be referred for sending the response to MoEF&CC.

Hence, it is requested to review the compliance along with the necessary recommendations at your end. Upon your recommendation, the proposal in PARIVESH portal along with the file of proposal of Akkupete for further processes.

You are requested to facilitate the same at the earliest.

**Encl.:** 4 sets of copies

**Yours sincerely**



**General Manager, SEMU**

**CC:** 1. PCCF (HoFF), GoK  
2. CF, Bengaluru Division

**GENERAL MANAGER - SEMU**  
(Social & Environmental Management Unit)

**Sub: Diversion of 18.6 Ha. of forest land in Sy.No.124 of Akkupete village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District for Rail Infrastructure Development Company (Karnataka) Limited (KRIDE).**

Sl.No	Observations	Response
1	As per the subrule 16 of rule 9 of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules 2023, the proposal which involves forest land of more than five hectares, shall be forwarded by the Nodal Officer, with the approval of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, to the State Government or Union territory Administration, along with the Project Screening Committee's recommendation and the same shall also be forwarded to the Regional Office. The recommendation of PSC is not submitted along with the proposal.	The response may be provided by the State Government of Karnataka
2	The DCF Bengaluru Rural Division has not recommended the proposal citing that the felling of 17,615 number of trees would affect the flora, fauna and the microclimate of the area. In this regard the State Government shall offer its comments regarding the adverse effect on the ecosystem of the area, due to felling of so many trees.	The response may be provided by the State Government of Karnataka
3	Further, the Hon'ble NGT has suo moto registered an Original Application No.792 of 2024(PB) (renumbered as Original Application No.236 of 2024(SZ), based on the news item published in 'Bengaluru - Hindustan Times' dated 11.06.2024 titled "Over 2000 citizens oppose felling of 33,000 trees for Bengaluru Suburban Railway Project. In this regard the State Govt. is requested to submit the updated status of the case and also clarify if the number of trees to be felled is 17,615 or 33,000.	The Suo - moto case is disposed of on 21.03.2025 by the Hon'ble NGT, Southern Bench, Chennai. The orders of the same is enclosed as annexure - 1.
4	The CCF has recommended the proposal stating that all the trees proposed to be felled are Eucalyptus. However, tree enumeration details submitted show that there are another 14 different type of tree species listed. In this regard the State Government shall offer its comments.	The response may be provided by the State Government of Karnataka
5	The construction of rail depot in the forest land is not a site-specific activity. In this regard the State Government is requested to provide the justification for establishing the rail depot in forest land instead of non-forest land.	The response may be provided by the State Government of Karnataka
6	The C:B ratio is not submitted.	The C:B ratio submitted by us in the PARIVESH portal is enclosed as annexure -2.
7	The KML files of the alternatives examined is not uploaded in PARIVESH portal.	The response may be provided by the concerned

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8	The KML file and non-encumbrance certificate of the non-forest land (18.61 ha of NFL in Sy. No. 65 of Sasalu village, Sasalu Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District) identified for CA is not submitted.	The response may be provided by the DCF/ BLR Rural
9	The site suitability certificate of 32.20 ha of DFL identified for plantation in Adagal State Forest, Sy. No. 70 of Diguvamarampalli Village and Sy. No. 73 of Thimmalapalli Village, Nelavanki Hobli, Srinivaspura taluk, Kolar State Forest is not submitted.	The response may be provided by the DCF/ BLR Rural
10	In the land-use/component wise break up it is mentioned that an area of 5 ha. will be used for construction of Buildings. The State Government is requested to clarify what type/ nature of buildings have been proposed.	The building of depot documents is enclosed approximate 50,550 sq.m or 5.05 Ha . A list of the proposed main buildings in maintenance Depot are as follows: a) Stabling lines buildings b) Inspection lines building c) Repair lines building d) Work shop lines building e) Auto work plant building f) Ancillary building g) Associated warehouse facility A detailed list of structures is enclosed at Annexure -3.
11	The State Government may explore other non-forest land for execution of the project.	The response may be provided by the State Government of Karnataka

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**Item No.12:-**

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL  
SOUTHERN ZONE, CHENNAI**

***Friday, the 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 2025.***

[Through Physical Hearing (Hybrid Option)]

**Original Application No.236 of 2024(SZ)**

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

**Suo Moto** matter in respect of news item appearing in ***The Bengaluru - Hindustan Times*** dated 11.06.2024 titled "**Over 2000 citizens oppose felling of 33,000 trees for Bengaluru Suburban Railway Project: Report**".

**And**

- 1) Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike,**  
Through its Chief Commissioner,  
Hudson Circle, N.R. Square,  
Bengaluru, Karnataka-560002, India
- 2) Rail Infrastructure Development Company (Karnataka) Limited  
"KRIDE",**  
Through its Managing Director  
"Samparka Dr. Soudha", 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, (Opp. Orion Mall),  
Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar 1st Block,  
Bangalore 560 010.
- 3) Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Karnataka**  
Karnataka Forest Department, Government of Karnataka  
Aranya Bhawan 18<sup>th</sup> Cross, Malleshwaram  
Bangalore(Karnataka)-560003.
- 4) District Magistrate, Bengaluru Urban**  
Kempegowda Road, Behind Kandaya Bhavana,  
Bengaluru Urban District, Bengaluru- 560009.  
Karnataka, India.

...Respondent(s)

For Applicant(s): Suo Motu.

For Respondent(s): Mr. T.V. Sekar for R1.  
Mr. Sriranga Subbanna, Senior Advocate for  
M/s. Ravi Law Chambers, S. Indumathi Ravi,  
R. Sanjeev, R. Shravan, Sumana Naganand &  
Ashwini N Ravindra for R2.  
Mr. Rajat Jonathan Shaw represented  
Mr. K.M. Darpan for R3 & R4.

**CORAM:**

**HON'BLE Smt. JUSTICE PUSHPA SATHYANARAYANA, JUDICIAL MEMBER**

**HON'BLE Dr. SATYAGOPAL KORLAPATI, EXPERT MEMBER**

**JUDGMENT**

**1.** The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has filed its report dated 23.01.2025, which is taken on file.

**2.** The said report has given the details of the project proposals submitted to the Tree Officer/DCF, BBMP and their status. It includes various corridors, the number of trees to be retained, the number of trees to be translocated and the number of trees to be felled.

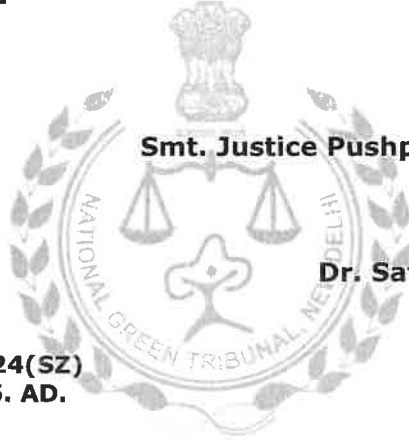
**3.** At this stage, it is pertinent to note that the Writ Petition [**W.P. No.17841 of 2018**], which is pending before the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka is being dealt with by the First Bench and orders are being passed periodically.

**4.** Regarding the cutting of trees, the Hon'ble High Court has issued orders on 10.02.2025, 13.02.2025, and 19.02.2025. Further, the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka has gone into addressing the above issue in detail as to how the

trees have to be translocated scientifically at the location and how the same should be supervised. Similarly, the compensatory plantation to be done by the Project Proponent also is mentioned.

**5.** As the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka is already seized of the matter, any order that may be passed here would be redundant.

**6.** Hence, the Original Application [**O.A. No.236 of 2024(SZ)**] is closed.



**Sd/-**

**Smt. Justice Pushpa Sathyanarayana, JM**

**Sd/-**

**Dr. Satyagopal Korlapati, EM**

**O.A. No.236/2024(SZ)**  
**21<sup>st</sup> March, 2025. AD.**

**NGT**



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No. K-RIDE/Projects/BSRP/Depot/Forest/05

Date: 25.11.2021

### COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS

Bengaluru Suburban Railway Project Depot proposed in survey no. 124 of Akkupete village in Kasaba hobli, Devanahalli taluk, Bengaluru Rural District will benefit the entire community along the corridor by way of availability of reliable transport infrastructure facility. It will develop the prospects of new industry / trading activities and reduce the traffic congestion in the airport route and other Suburban corridors. The project will provide safe and fast route for the movement of passengers and freight and will decongest the road traffic and avoid pollution.

  
(K. Rajanna)  
Manager / Civil

For RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY  
(KARNATAKA) LIMITED

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No. K-RIDE/Projects/BSRP/Depot/Forest/06

Date: 25.11.2021

### COST OF THE PROJECT WITH JUSTIFICATION

Bengaluru Suburban Rail Project has been prepared covering Civil, Electrical, Signaling and Telecommunication works, Rolling stock etc. Detailed Project Report has been approved by the Union Cabinet. The project consists of four corridors with a total project cost of Rs 15767 cr.

Corridor: 1	KSR Bengaluru city - Devanahalli	41.4 km.
Corridor: 2	Baiyappanahalli - Chikkabanavar	24.85 km.
Corridor: 3	Kengeri - Bengaluru Cant - Whitefield	18.47 km + 17.05 km (QDR)
Corridor: 4	Heelalige - Rajanukunte	46.24 km.

Bengaluru being IT capital of India, needs connectivity for easy commuting and flow of traffic within the city. This will boost the economy of the state with easy commuting experience.

  
(K. Rajanna)  
Manager / Civil

K. RAJANNA  
Manager / Civil

ANNEXURE - 3  
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Details of buildings proposed in maintenance Depot of BSRP

Sr no	REQUIREMENTS	No of rooms	Length	Width	Total (SQM)
1	Location, layout Inspection Bay line requirements	6	7.5	150	6750
2	Location, layout Work shop line with embedded track and pits requirements	6	10	150	9000
3	Location, layout Dedicated VAC maintenance in workshop line requirements	1	10	150	1500
4	Location, layout Auto wash plant, control and equipment room requirements	1	6	20	120
5	Intensive washing line without OHE	1	6	150	900
6	Location, layout Wheel lathe line requirements	1	6	30	180
7	Location, layout Wheel/ axles parking area requirement	1	10	50	500
8	Dedicated cleaning area for washing and Drying HVAC filters requirements	1	10	50	500
9	Test bench and overhauling rooms compressor, brake calliper requirements	1	10	150	1500
10	Test bench and overhauling rooms pantograph Door	1	10	150	1500
11	Test bench and overhauling rooms VCB	1	10	150	1500
12	Test bench and overhauling rooms Battery	1	10	150	1500
13	Test bench and overhauling rooms CI, APS and control units	1	10	150	1500
14	Test bench and overhauling rooms Traction motors	1	10	150	1500
15	Location, layout Tool room requirements	1	10	10	100
16	Central compressor house requirements	1	10	10	100
17	Location, layout Bogie and wheel overhauling area requirements	1	10	50	500
18	Bogie storage area	1	10	50	500
19	Bogie washing and sand blasting area	1	10	10	100
20	Location, layout Test track requirements				0
21	Depot in charge office with support staff	1	10	10	100
22	Other officers' rooms with support staff	1	10	10	100
23	Conference room large	1	10	40	400
24	Conference room of 10 seats	1	10	10	100
25	Rolling stock Training Hall	3	10	10	300
26	Supervisor office with staff	3	10	10	300
27	Rolling stock tool room and Rolling stock store	1	10	10	100
28	Dress change and wash room for women	1	10	20	200

Sl no	REQUIREMENTS	No of rooms	Length	Width	Total (SQM)
29	Change room with lockers and Wash room	1	10	50	500
30	Lunch room/canteen area	1	10	50	500
31	Visitor room	1	10	10	100
32	Paint room/paint booth	1	10	30	300
33	Drawing office/plans/information	1	10	10	100
34	Lab room	1	10	30	300
35	Brake and compressor overhauling area	1	10	30	300
36	Security/monitoring room	1	10	10	100
37	Depot equipment maintenance cum store room	1	10	50	500
38	Welding and brazing training room cum sheet metal cutting room	1	10	20	200
39	First aid room	1	10	10	100
40	Eye wash area	1	10	10	100
41	Store and store officer	1	10	50	500
42	Storage area bifurcation for all the departments	1	10	50	500
43	Scrapyard				
44	Hazardous waste				
45	Metal scrap -				
46	Zero value items				
47	Flammable material				
48	Chemical storage room				
49	Scrapped glass storage				
50	Doors and windows storage				
51	Lorry parking area				
52	Guest House for KRIDE officials	1	10	30	300
53	Classroom training rooms for new batches	3	10	10	300
54	Examination hall(computerised)	1	10	30	300
55	Hostel rooms for trainees and training faculty	1	10	50	500
56	Library and reading rooms	1	10	10	100
57	Space for keeping models	1	10	20	200
<b>General Requirements of Depot</b>					
58	Sewage treatment plant (STP)	1	10	10	100
59	Effluent treatment plant (ETP)	1	10	10	100
60	Work permit/Contract staff handling room	1	10	10	100
61	S&T, AFC equipment storage cum maintenance room	1	10	30	300
62	PSS and backup OCC	1	10	30	300
63	Electrical central room	1	10	20	200
64	Telecom central room	1	10	20	200
65	Record room	1	10	10	100
66	PWAY for Catenary maintenance equipment's and office requirements	1	10	30	300
67	Recreation facility for Trainees and employees	1	10	30	300
69	Server Room	1	10	10	100
70	Floor for all admin and other teams	1	10	30	300
71	Associated warehouse facility	1(LS)			11000
	<b>Grand total</b>				<b>50550</b>