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To,
The Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Yadgir Territorial Division, Yadgir,

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17-6-2020

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 4.6038 ha of forest land in Sy. No. 10, Wadnahallivillage(0.9664 ha) and Sy. No. 163, Yargol village(3.6374 ha), Hattikuni Hobli, Yadgir Taluk & District for widening to two/four lane with paved shoulders from Chittapur cross to Yadgir Bypass(CH: 34.000 to Ch:70.900 of NH-150(Gulbarga-Wadi-Yadgir Section) in favour of Executive Engineer, NH Division, Kalaburagi reg.(Forest proposal No.FP/KA/ROAD/36272/2018)

- Ref:**
1. State Govt. letter No. FEE 16 FLL 2020 dated: 2.03.2020 addressed to MOEF Regional office.
 2. File No.4-KRB1232/2020-BAN/1717 dated: 20.03.2020 from MOEF & Climate change Regional Office, Bengaluru addressed to Addl. Chief Secy to GOK, Forest, Ecology & Environment Department, Bengaluru.
 3. Your letter No. B3|LAND|NHAI|CR-28|2018-19|183 DTD: 1.06.2020

Adverting to the above subject, the proposal for diversion of 4.6038 ha forest land in Sy. No. 10 of Wadnahalli and in Sy. No. 163 of Yargol village, Hattikuni Hobli, Yadgir Taluk & District for widening to two|four lane with paved shoulders from Chittapur Cross to Yadgir bypass (Km 34.00 to Km 70.90) of NH-150 of Gulbarga-Wadi-Yadgir Section was submitted in Parivesh portal. It is to submit that the above proposal has been returned from Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Bengaluru vide letter under reference (2) stating that construction of Toll Plaza and allied activities will lead to non-site specific activity and it will have adverse impact to the adjacent forest area as shops, parking etc will crop up and was asked to relocate the Toll Plaza in non-forest area and accordingly asked to submit revised application for processing the forest proposal.The same has been communicated from your office also.

It is to submit that this National Highway project is a scheme of Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Government of India and serves for larger public interest and this project gives connectivity to backward districts nameiy Bidar, Kalaburagi, Yadgir and Raichur of Karnataka State with neighboring Telangana State and Maharashtra State. This road project is being developed with concrete pavement having designed life of 30 years. Now, 80% of project work has been completed and the construction of Toll Plaza is pending which has been proposed on 4.6038 ha of forest land comprising Sy. No. 10 of Wadnalli village & Sy. No. 163 of Yargol village.

The above forest land is the only ideal location for **Toll Plaza** due to the following reasons:

1. This location is not having any alternative diversion/bypass roads. No one can skip payment of user fee (Toll fee) at this Toll Plaza location. Such an ideal location is not available in other parts of this Highway.

2. This forest land is located on flat ground level and is away from habitation areas. Toll Plaza is not ideal in habitation areas.
3. Toll plaza is not possible build on slope road and on embankment.
4. This project highway has many junctions, canal crossings, Nalla crossings, railway crossing, habitation areas, horizontal curve, vertical curve *and these locations are not ideal for Toll Plaza site.*
5. Yargol village with habitation is situated prior to this forest land and shifting of location of Toll Plaza ahead of this Yargol forest land towards Yargol village is not ideal.

Hence, the present location in forest is the most ideal site for Toll Plaza construction. It is to report that the forest land applied for diversion consists of sandy soil with rocky outcrop. This forest land has majority of **eucalyptus trees**. The above forest is situated in low rainfall area and hottest place in Karnataka. Due to this environmental condition, the said forest land is infertile and hence the density of trees in the above said forest area is very thin.

Further, on behalf of User Agency, the Revenue Department has already handed over fertile land measuring 9.21 Hectare in Sy. No. 172 of Goudagera village, Balichakra Hobli, Yadgir Taluk & District to Forest Department for raising Compensatory afforestation. The Deputy Commissioner, Yadgir District vide Order No. Kam. |Bhoo.Man|27|2019-20 dated: 22.11.2019 has transferred the title of land in the name of Deputy Conservator of Forests, Yadgir. The said land has been mutated vide Mutation Register MR No. H82|2019-20 dated: 25.11.2019. Thus, alternative land for compensatory afforestation has already been handed over to Forest Department.

In Toll Plaza, Toll collection booths will be installed on main road and User fee collection will be operated through Automatic Toll Collection System. In this system, stopping of vehicles at Fee Counters does not arise. Adequate care will be taken to prevent commercial shops and Parking of private vehicles near the Toll Plaza. All-round fencing for Toll Plaza will be erected.

Earlier, this forest proposal has been examined and recommended by officers of Forest Department namely DCF, CCF, APCCF.

In view of the facts explained above, the previously uploaded application for diversion 4.6038 ha of forest land to NH-150 project may please be re-considered.

Yours Faithfully,

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1. Copy submitted to the Chief Engineer, National Highways, K R Circle, Bengaluru for kind information and further needful.

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