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To

The Additional Principle Chief Conservator of Forest/ Nodal Officer,
3rd Floor, Aranya Bhavan,
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Bangalore- 560001, Karnataka.

Sub: Diversion of 37.857Ha of Forest Land for upgradation to Two Lane with Paved Shoulder of Belekeri to Hattikeri (766EE) and Kumta to Sirsi (NH766E) (excluding Stretch of NH66) in the State of Karnataka under Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase - I –Submission of FC Application and Additional Information– Reg.

Ref: 1. Online Proposal no. FP/KA/Road/33993/2018 dated 19.12.2018.
2. Your Letter No. KFD/HOFF/A52K(GFL)/28/2018-FC-KFD dated 09.01.2019
3. Our Letter No. NHAI/PIU-DWD/34001/2019/100 dated 01/06.04.2019
4. Your Letter No. KFD/HOFF/A52K(GFL)/28/2018-FC dated 04.05.2019

Sir,

Vide above reference 1, we had uploaded the duly filled Forest Clearance application for diversion of 31.123Ha forest land for upgradation of subject project. However, vide reference no. 2, you had raised the EDS to include the missing forests along the project road. Accordingly, we have conducted joint site inspection with concerned forest officials to identify the forest along the project road and estimated the forest area to 12.001Ha considering existing right of way between the road side drains at the site and revised the application and complied all the EDS along with essential documents.

However, vide reference 4, once again following EDS was raised against submission of application vide reference 3, which is duly complied as follows;

Reference Item in Form - A	Remarks	Action Taken
C(ii) (b) KML File of Segments	A large number of KML (sub) files without proper file names have been uploaded 1. Please ensure that each KML file (or sub-file) is given a proper unique file name to distinguish it from other files. 2. Please also ensure that the KML	1. Each KML files (or its sub-files) properly named to distinguish with other files. 2. Its ensured that, all the KML polygons (forest stretches only) corners matches with the GPS readings shown on the geo-reference maps.

	polygons (forest stretches only) corners match with the GPS readings shown on the map correctly.	
G(i) Whether the Project requires Cost – Benefit analysis?	‘No’ option is selected. Please select ‘Yes’ option and upload the cost benefit analysis prepared in accordance with GOI FC guidelines F.No.7-69/2011-FC(pt.) dated 01.08.2017.	Agreed. ‘Yes’ option is selected and a Cost-benefit Analysis report is prepared and submitted as per the guidelines given in MoEFCC circular F.No.7-69/2011-FC(pt.) dated 01.08.2017.
I(i) Whether the project or a part thereof is located in any Protected Area or their Eco-sensitive zone?	‘No’ is mentioned here. Please note that a separate online proposal seeking Wildlife clearance from National Board for Wildlife will have to be submitted if the forest diversion is required in the Aghanashini LTM Conservation Reserve limits.	‘Yes’ is mentioned in the item no. I(i) as project alignment passes through default 1Km Eco-sensitive zone of Aghanashini LTM Conservation Reserve. Proposal for Wildlife clearance will be applied after finalisation of forest area diverted in the default 1Km Eco- sensitive zone.
Additional Information Details/ General	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Instead of original documents, photocopies have been uploaded in most of the Items. Some are not even signed by User agency. Please upload only the original documents or ink-signed attested photocopied documents by User Agency. 2. As the number of GPS readings of all corners of required forest land is huge, they were sought in MS excel sheet through email but have not been provided even though the project has been revised. Please provide the following information through email to ‘gis3ictc@aranya.gov.in’ marking copy to ‘rfo5ictc@aranya.gov.in’ and ‘apccffc@gmail.com’. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. GPS readings (Datum: WGS84; in Degree Decimals and same as those shown in Geo-referenced maps in item C(ii) for all corner of forest land proposed for diversion and every 20 m interval in MS Excel sheet. 3. The forest and non-forest land requirement for the project has been drastically reduced from 31.123Ha & 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agreed. Original documents ink-signed by User Agency is uploaded for perusal. 2. Following soft copies of the additional information are sent to forest department email-Id (‘gis3ictc@aranya.gov.in’ marking copy to ‘rfo5ictc@aranya.gov.in’ and ‘apccffc@gmail.com’). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. MS Excel file showing GPS reading of all corners of the polygons of required forest land mentioned in Geo-reference map for the road in Honnavara and Sirsi Division. b. GPS readings at every 20 meter interval of all corners of PRow of the project road falling within forest land. 3. Drastic reduction in forest and non-forest land requirement for the project is due to

	<p>7.867Ha shown earlier to 12.003Ha and 11.6698Ha now, even though he alignment is retained (barring Karwar Division stretch). Further, the existing road alignment in some stretches of the forest land is shown to be different from that shown in village map concerned and in such case only the widening portion is taken into consideration for forest land requirement. Please upload the following information in the form of a clarification note in Additional Information.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Detailed reasons for such drastic reduction in forest land requirement in the revised proposal. Reason why only the widening part is applied for diversion and the entire road width in the forest land is not included in the forest land requirement. What is the existing Right of Way (in meters) of the road taken in to consideration in the stretches where the road alignment is different from that shown on village map. Please upload the document issued by competent authority. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Please verify the survey numbers (forest stretches only), as there is some variation observed from the village maps available in ICT Center of the forest department. Example: Proposal may require forest land in Sy. No. 148 instead of Sy No. 1 of Hebre village and in Sy no 169 of Khurse village. Please ensure that all incompleteness mentioned above is carefully attended to before resubmitting the application. Please ensure that no work is executed in forest land without FC 	<p>consideration of existing RoW from drain to drain as advised by PWD dept. However, now the forest land and non- forest land re-estimated considering the ERoW in revenue maps and wherever the road alignment is deviated from map road, entire width of road was considered for diversion. Now the total area of forest and non-forest land proposed of diversion/acquisition is worked out to 37.8571Ha and 9.2636Ha respectively.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> As per the revised estimation of forest land referring to survey no. in revenue map and survey no. collected from field forest officials during joint site inspection, all the variation are rectified to the best possible level. Agreed and all the incompleteness are attended suitably. Noted. No work will be initiated at site until FC approval obtained from
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	approval.	MoEFCC.
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As part of Form-A Part-1 of forest clearance application, we have uploaded all the necessary documents. Further, we would like to inform that, entire project alignment in Autocad and KML, showing forest and non forest stretch in different colour and MS Excel file contains GPS readings of all corners of forest land diversion and 20m interval of PRow in forest (for installing pillars) is sent to official E-mail-id of Forest Dept. ie., 'gis3ictc@aranya.gov.in' 'apccffc@gmail.com', 'ccf_fc@yahoo.co.in and 'rfo5ictc@aranya.gov.in'.

Since, project is part of Bharathmala Pariyojana Phase I and on top priority, we request you to expedite the Forest Clearance process.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,


(Col AK Janbaz)

GM (Tech) & Project Director