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Deputy Conservator of Forest
Forest Department, Kundapura Division
Kundapura

Sir,

Subject : Ex post facto approval for diversion of **2.5766 Ha.** of forest land in Bola Kasaba Hobli, Karkala Taluk, Udupi District (Kundapur Forest for construction of 400 KV DC line with Quad Moose ACSR for a of 179.85 km from Nandikur Generation Station to 400/200 KV Station at Shanthigrama village in Hassan District in favor of Engineer, Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited, **Proposal No. FP/KA/TRANS/36286/2018 [FORM-A]-Reg..**

- Ref: 1) ಕಾನಿಲ/400ಕೆವಿ/ಉಡುಪಿ/2012-13/ಕ-6/809-14 ದಿನಾಂಕ 28.05.2012
2) ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ ಡಿಎಂಎನ್.ವಿವ64/400ಕೆವಿಡಿ ಸಿ ಲೈನ್/08-09 ದಿನಾಂಕ 23.05.2012
3) ಕಾನಿಲ/400ಕೆವಿ/ಉಡುಪಿ/2012-13/ಕ-6/4002-04 ದಿನಾಂಕ 14.09.2012
4) ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಎ3:ಎನ್‌ಪಿಸಿಎಲ್:ಸಿಆರ್.38/12-13 ದಿನಾಂಕ 20.11.2012
5) ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ ಡಿಎಂಎನ್.ವಿವ64/ಎಫ್‌ಎಲ್‌ಡಿ/2012-13 ದಿನಾಂಕ 14.09.2015
6) ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಎ3:ಎನ್‌ಪಿಸಿಎಲ್:ಸಿಆರ್.38/12-13 ದಿನಾಂಕ 13.05.2016
7) Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Bengaluru letter F.No. 4- KRB1375/2022-BAN 807 dated 13-10-2022
8) Old File No. A5(2).GFL.CR-14/2012-13 E-office File No.KFD/HOFF/A5-2(GFL)/182/2019-FC E-153998 ದಿನಾಂಕ 19.11.2022
9) ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ.ಬಿ1/ಎಲ್‌ಎನ್‌ಡಿ(ಡಿಎಂಎನ್).ವಿವ64/ಎಫ್‌ಎಲ್‌ಡಿ/2012-13 ದಿನಾಂಕ 09.12.2022
10) ಬಿ1/ಎಲ್‌ಎನ್‌ಡಿ(ಡಿಎಂಎನ್).ವಿವ.64/ಎಫ್‌ಎಲ್‌ಡಿ/2012-13/E-6315 ದಿನಾಂಕ :09.02.2023

Anent to the above subject, the 400kV transmission line has been constructed from Nandikur, Udupi to Shanthigrama, Hassan. The transmission line passes through Reserve Forest Area Sy. No. 221, Deemed Forest Sy.No. 221 and 206/1A of Bola village, Karkala Taluk. The proposal has been submitted for the release of left over forest land under the Forest (Conservation) Act. Clarification for the points requested vide reference (7), (8) & (9) for stage -1 approval of the said forest area is furnished below.

disputed on 19/02/23

Sl.No	Description	Clarification/information
1	There is contradiction with respect to justification submitted by the User agency for obtaining ex post facto approval and the observations of the PCCF (HoFF) in his forwarding letter dated 13-07-2022. The User Agency states that the original alignment was finalized in consultation with officials of Forest Department and accordingly approval for diversion of 172.53 was sought. The forest area sought for ex-post facto approval was not included earlier in the original proposal as it was mistaken as Government land by Forest Department officials. However, PCCF (HoFF) observes that the user agency has altered the alignment from previously proposed FC diversion and violated the F(C)Act, 1980. Therefore, clarification/factual report on the violation may be Furnished	Verified records available at this office as per letter cited under reference(1) before approval for release of forest land of 172.53Ha. Forest department officials had surveyed and identified the land. Based on survey, the proposal was submitted. This office has submitted justification report earlier. As per the report transmission line route was finalized in consultation with forest department. Copy of the justification report submitted earlier is enclosed as Annexure – 1 for kind information.
2	The map showing original alignment of transmission proposed at the time of granting approval for diversion of 172.53 ha forest land and changed/alterd alignment may be furnished	Available records in this regard at this office as per reference letter (3), (4) & (5), there is no change in the route of transmission line. This proposal pertains to the release of additional forest area which is leftout during earlier proposal.
3	As per the original approval granted under F(c) Act, 1980, 95.74 ha of forest land was approved for diversion in Kundapur Forest Diversion. It may be clarified whether any extent of approved area is kept unutilized due to change in alignment as reported by PCCF (HoFF).	As per available records at this office, 94.74Ha of forest land has been completely used. No forest land is left unused as per letter cited under reference (5) of Deputy Conservator of Forest Kundapura (copy of letter ref(5) enclosed)
4	Whether any FOC has been booked against user agency for illegal cutting of trees in the proposed forest land	As per available records at this office no FOC booked against KPTCL officers.
5	Details of trees already felled in the forest area proposed for ex-post fact approval.	As per available records verified at this office, details of felling of trees are not available.

6	While according final approval for diversion of 172.53 ha forest land for construction of 400 KV DC line from Nandikur (Udupi) generating station to 400/220 KV receiving station at Shantigrama (Hassan), it was stipulated that monitoring committee under Chairmanship of PCCF (HoFF) will be constituted for monitoring the compliance of conditions. It is therefore requested to furnish the reports of the monitoring committee in compliance to the said condition	Verified available reocords at this office, no such reports are available.
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In this regard, the clarification sought for stage -1 approval of leftover forest land is hereby submitted for further needful action.

Thanking You,

Yours faithfully,

S. D. D. 15/02/23

Executive Engineer (Ele)

**400kV Trans. Line Works Division,
KPTCL, Udupi.**

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15/02/23

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