

FORM – 'A'

PART – II

(To be filled by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests)

State Serial No of Proposal No. **FP/KA/HYD/152438/2022 [FORM-A]**

Location of the Project / Scheme:		Diversion of 23.3876 ha (Revised from 38.50 ha) of Forest land for 130.00 MW of Power Storage Plant project in Kurekuppe, Vaddu, Bannihatti, Taranagara, Lingadahalli, Kodalu, Chikkanthapura villages, Donimalai RF, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District in favour of M/s. JSW Renewable Energy (Vijayanagara) Limited, Toranagallu	
i.	State/Union Territory	:	Karnataka
ii.	District.	:	Bellary
iii.	Forest Division	:	Bellary Forest Division
iv.	Area of forest land proposed for diversion (in ha)	:	23.3876 ha (Revised from 38.50 ha)
v	Legal status of forest	:	Kodalu RF, Ubbalagandi Extn RF, Bannihatti Sy.No.224(Section-04 proposed area) and Donimalai Forest Block (Section-04 declared area)
vi	Density of vegetation.	:	Southern Dry Deciduous Type of Forest (Eco- class III)
vii	Species-wise (scientific names) and diameter class-wise enumeration of trees (to be enclosed. In case of irrigation / hydel projects enumeration at FRL, FRL-2 meter & FRL-4 meter also to be enclosed.)	:	Tree Enumeration list enclosed.
viii	Brief note on vulnerability of the forest area to erosion.	:	The project is situated on moderate to steep slope forest area. Because of which there may be an issue of soil erosion. In this regard, the User Agency was directed to prepare Catchment Area Treatment Plan (CATP) and User Agency is supposed to implement the measures as mentioned in CATP in order to reduce soil erosion and related impact on the proposed site.
ix.	Approximate distance of proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest.	:	The component of the projects which includes both upper Reservoir and Transmission line passes through Kodalu RF, Ubbalagandi Extn RF, Bannihatti Sy.No.224(Section-04 proposed area) and Donimalai Forest Block
x	Whether forms part of National Park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, elephant corridor, etc. (If so, the details of the area and comments of the Chief Wildlife Warden to be annexed)	:	The proposed forest land is not part of National Park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve and elephant corridor etc. Further, the proposed area is 8.00 km away from the Daroji Sloth Bear Sanctuary and 6.50 kms away from Eco-sensitive zone of Daroji Sloth Bear Sanctuary, 17.10 km away from the Gudekote Sloth Bear Sanctuary and 15.30 kms away from draft (proposed) Eco-sensitive zone of Gudekote Sloth Bear Sanctuary

	xi	Whether any rare/endangered/ unique species of flora and fauna found in the area- if so details thereof	: Proposed area has Southern Dry Deciduous Forests. Following are major species of Flora & fauna Flora: <i>Albizzia amara</i> , <i>Acacia catechu</i> , <i>Grewia tillaefolia</i> , and etc Fauna: Leopard, Sloth Bear, Jackal, Hares, Peafowl, Wild pig, Grey partridge, Indian porcupine, Monitor lizard, four-horned antelope and Pangolin.																													
	xii	Whether any protected archaeological / heritage site / defence establishment or any other important monument is located in the area. If so, the details thereof with NOC from competent authority, if required.	: The DRDO establishment is located in the vicinity of proposed project. In this regard, the User Agency has provided map showing the distance of proposed project from DRDO establishment. Moreover the User Agency has also furnished the undertaking alongwith the guidelines from ministry of Defence, Government of India. (Annexure Enclosed)																													
8.		Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency in col. 2 of Part-I is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project. If no, recommended area item-wise with details of alternatives examined.	: -Yes-																													
9.		Whether any work in violation of the Act has been carried out (Yes/No). If yes, details of the same including period of work done, action taken on erring officials. Whether work in violation is still in progress.	: -No-																													
10	Details of compensatory afforestation scheme:																															
	i)	Details of non forest area/degraded forest area identified for compensatory afforestation, its distance from adjoining forest, number of patches, size of each patch.	: M/s. JSW Renewable Energy (Vijayanagara) Limited, Toranagallu has identified the following CA land for Raising of Compensatory Afforestation <table border="1"><thead><tr><th>District, Taluk & Hobli</th><th>Village</th><th>Survey number</th><th>Extent proposed (In Ha)</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td rowspan="10">Ballari, Siruguppa</td><td rowspan="10">Agasanur</td><td>13/A</td><td>9.19</td></tr><tr><td>13/C</td><td>0.04</td></tr><tr><td>13/1</td><td>6.07</td></tr><tr><td>202/1</td><td>2.02</td></tr><tr><td>202/2</td><td>1.94</td></tr><tr><td>202/3</td><td>0.91</td></tr><tr><td>202/4</td><td>0.87</td></tr><tr><td>202/5</td><td>0.87</td></tr><tr><td>202/6</td><td>0.87</td></tr><tr><td>202/7</td><td>0.87</td></tr><tr><td colspan="3">Grand total</td><td>23.65</td></tr></tbody></table> However, the above CA land has not been transferred and mutated in favour of Forest Department. M M/s. JSW Renewable Energy (Vijayanagara) Limited, Toranagallu has agreed to make payment for Compensatory Afforestation Charges. Further, the User Agency has given the undertaking stating that this land is identified for this project and is not proposed against any other FC proposals	District, Taluk & Hobli	Village	Survey number	Extent proposed (In Ha)	Ballari, Siruguppa	Agasanur	13/A	9.19	13/C	0.04	13/1	6.07	202/1	2.02	202/2	1.94	202/3	0.91	202/4	0.87	202/5	0.87	202/6	0.87	202/7	0.87	Grand total		
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	ii)	Map showing non-forest/degraded forest area identified for compensatory afforestation and adjoining forest boundaries.	:	Enclosed
	iii)	Detailed compensatory afforestation scheme including species to be planted, implementing agency, time schedule, cost structure, etc.	:	Enclosed
	iv)	Total financial outlay for compensatory afforestation scheme.	:	Rs. 4,29,39,634/-
	v)	Certificates from competent authority regarding suitability of area identified for compensatory afforestation and from management point of view. (To be signed by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests).	:	Enclosed
11		Site inspection report of the DCF (to be enclosed) especially highlighting facts asked in col. 7 (xi, xii), 8 and 9 above.	:	Site inspection report is enclosed.
12		Division/District profile:		
	i.	Geographical area of Ballari District	:	4320 Sq.K.M
	ii.	Forest area of the Ballari Districts.	:	64032.651 ha
	iii.	Total forest area diverted since 1980 with number of cases.	:	5641.884 Ha and totally 73 cases covered
	iv.	Total compensatory afforestation stipulated in the district/division since 1980 on (a) forest land including penal compensatory afforestation,	:	1782.93 Ha
		(b) Non-forest land.	:	1390.688 Ha
	v.	Progress of compensatory afforestation as on (date) 31.03.2022 on (a) Forest land	:	937.09 Ha
		(b) Non-forest land.	:	1326.807 Ha
13		Specific recommendations of the DCF for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with reasons.	:	The proposal for diversion of 23.3876 ha (Revised from 38.50 ha) of Forest land for 130.00 MW of Power Storage Plant project in Kurekuppe, Vaddu, Bannihatti, Taranagara, Lingadahalli, Kodalu, Chikkanthapura villages, Donimalai RF, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District in favour of M/s. JSW Renewable Energy (Vijayanagara) Limited, Toranagallu is forwarded for further consideration under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980

Deputy Conservator of Forests
Ballari Division, Ballari

Date : 03.08.2023.

Place : Ballari