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## No. RVNL/UBL/ CLR-QLM/LA

The Assistant Conservator of Forest Kumbarvada

**Sub**: Submission of existing Railway Land boundary maps for proposal no: FP/KA/RAIL/34288/2018

Rail Vikas Nigam Limited has uploaded a proposal for transfer of 10.45 Ha of forest land in the state of Karnataka for the purpose of Railway doubling line between Tinaighat- Castlerock- Caranzol on behalf of South Western Railways. Hence we are submitting one attested copy of existing land boundary with Railways.

It is requested to accept the land plans and give the permission for further processing of the forest acquisition process.

The project is monitored online by PMO through e-Pragati.

Yours faithfully

SSE/RVNL/PIU/UBL

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No.RVNL/HPT-TNGT/Forest/2019

Date: 10-8-2019.

The Conservator of Forest (Wild Life) & Director KTR Dandelli.

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of land for proposed doubling between Castlerock-Kulem, permission for Demarcation of proposed land boundary and enumeration of trees- Reg:

Ref: Proposal No.FP/KA/RAIL/34288/2018 for Tinaighat-Castelrock-Caranzol doubling of tracks in South Western Railway.

With reference to above, Railways has applied for diversion of A5 Ha forest land in the State of Kamataka to complete the doubling project in Hospete-Tinaighat-Vasco section. The land to be diverted affecting the project over a length of 20 km whereas the total length of project is 270 km in Kamataka and 75 km in Goa. A stretch of 215 km in Kamataka State is already completed and another 35 km will be completed this year. Works in Goa State are in full swing and targeted to complete by 2022. Unless this 20 km is completed, entire doubling project is not useful as this small stretch will become bottleneck and reduces the section capacity.

In the online portal pertaining to forest clearances (PARIVESH) against Railways request the delay is attributed to user account since 2018. However, forest department is not accepting the land plans produced by Railways stated that these plans are not signed by the concerned Revenue department. Now the Revenue Authorities certified the availability of land and its extent in the forest area and village maps. It is brought to your kind notice that this part of Railway line is existing since 1905 and the line was converted from Metre Gauge (MG) to Broad Gauge (BG) during the year 2000. This part was separated from South Central Railway and now new Zone of South Western Railway formed during the year 2003. As such there are no further land records available with this office.

In view of the above, you are requested to check your land records and permit us to demarcate the land boundaries as proposed for diversion and also arrange for tree enumeration.

Yours Sincerely,

(B. Chandrasekhar) 10 8 19

General Manager/Rail Vikas Nigam Limited Bangalore

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No. RVNL/PIU/UBL/TGT-CLR-CRZ section

Date. 16.08.2019

To,
Chief Conservator of Forest (Wildlife)
& Director KTR,
Dandeli

Sub : Tree enumaeration (within & out of Railway boundary), as prerequisite, for proposed Rail doubling of Tinaighat - Castlerock-Caranzol section (Part of Tinaighat-Vasco Rail Doubling Project) - Reg

Ref

- : 1) Letter No.RVNL/UBL/TGT-CLR/LA, dated 21.12.2018, (copy enclosed)
  - 2) Letter No. RVNL/PIU/UBL/TGT-CLR section, dated 26.07.2019, (copy enclosed)
  - 3) Letter No. RVNL/PIU/UBL/TGT-CLR-CRZ section, Dated. 01.08.2019, (copy enclosed)

This has reference to above.

The documents obtained related with Railway land and extent of land, for stretch From Dushki river –Castlerock to Caranzol section, duly signed by Revenue authorities, were submitted vide letter referenced at Sl. No. (3) above.

In addition to above, the certificate obtained from Thasildar, Joida in regard to ownership of Railway land in Devalli, Konshet & kalambuli villages with survey numbers & extent of area is also furnished.

It is requested to arrange permission for demarcating additional land boundary with precast poles at every 50mtr intervals, to enable further tree enumeration ion the said stretch.

Thanking you and assuring our best cooperation, ahead always.

Encl: As above

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Received C.F & D K.T.R. Dandeli (A.G.Patil) Addl General Manager/Civil Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd/Hubli

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No.CPM/RVNL/SBC/State Govt

Dated.20.08.19

APCCF Aranya Bhawan Bangalore.

Sub: Tinaighat-Castlerock-Caranzol Railway Doubling of South Western Railway Ref: Proposal No.FP/KA/RAIL/84288/2018

With a view to improve traffic congestion in the existing single line section between Hospet-Tinaigaht-Vasco, Ministry of Railways has sanctioned doubling of track in the year 2010-11. After completion of doubling, it will ease out congestion in transportation of minerals from Iron Ore Mines located in Bellary and Hospet region and thereby improving revenue generation for the state of Karnataka. At present, doubling work involving acquisition of private and revenue land has been completed in the stretch between Hospet-Tinaigaht. But, due involvement of forest land in the stretch between Tinaigaht-Caranzol-Kulem, doubling works could not be commenced even after lapse of 9 years from sanction.

The Section between Tinaighat to Carazol in Karnataka and Caranzol to Kulem in Goa state is falling in Reserve forest/Wild Life Sanctuary, where the proposal for diversion of forest land is required to be approved by National Board of Wild Life. As far as state of Goa is concerned, the proposal for diversion of 51.48 Ha of Forest land falling in Bhagawan Mahaveer Wild Life sanctuary has already been recommended to National Board of Wild Life Board, MOEF in July 2019 after completing the entire formalities of tree enumeration, land boundary demarcation, joint survey etc.

But, in the state of Karnataka, the proposal is still in initial stage only. As per remarks uploaded on MoEF portal, the proposal has been shown as pending with user agency since June 2019. DCF/Haliyal has addressed a letter stating that there are no demarcation of land for proposed diversion in the ground. In this regard, when forest officials were contacted for demarcation of proposed land, the same was not allowed on the ground of submission of documents pertaining to ownership of the land by Railway.

In this regard, copies of available Railway land plan attested by Sr. Divisional Engineer/Hubli/SWR Railway as well as Akhada and village maps certified by the Tahasildar /Zoida has been submitted with DCF/Dandeli. Further, the notification list pertaining to these villages has also been submitted.

The land area certified by Revenue authorities in Devalli, Konaset, Kalimbuli villages pertaining to Railway and Land area available as per Railway land plans have been compared and tallied to nearest guntas. Even after submission of these documents, permission for carrying out land demarcation and tree enumeration in the proposed land has not been granted so far which is further leading to delay in completion of the project. It is to be submitted that, this project being further leading to delay in completion of the project being monitored by PMO under PRAGATI as well an important port connectivity project, progress is being monitored by PMO under PRAGATI as well as under SAGARMALA and severe criticism is being received from PMO about delay in completion of the project.

In this regard, we wish to add that, to reduce the forest land requirement Railway has already revised the original terms of reference of the sanctioned project and adopted steeper gradient of 1 in 37 in place of flatter gradient of 1 in 60 so as to avoid cutting a cross of new forest corridor. Further the proposed track is proposed through underground tunneling for a length of 7.5 km as against 27 km stretch between Castlerock and Kulem.

In view of the above circumstances, it is requested to advise concerned officials to allow us to demarcate land required and also to process our proposal at the earliest pleased.

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General Manager/Projects

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