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Office of  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Forest Force)



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Dated 18.08.2018

To,

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government  
Forest, Ecology and Environment Department  
M.S. Building,  
Bengaluru - 560 001.

Sir,

Sub: Renewal of lease of 2.00 ha forest land in F.Sy.No. 232 of Sirsi  
Village & Taluk for establishing a small scale industry in favour  
of M/s. Sahyadri Papers, Sirsi.

- Ref: 1 Letter F No. 1-6/2014-ROHQ dated 07.06.2018 and  
12.07.2018 of GoI Ministry of Environment, Forest &  
Climate Change, New Delhi.  
2 Letter F No.4-KRB920/2012-BAN/1631 dated 18.06.2018  
and 20.07.2018 of Ministry of Environment, Forests, &  
Climate Change, Regional Office (Southern Zone),  
Bengaluru.  
3 Letter No.B2/GFL/CR.121/1996-97 dated 18.07.2018 of  
Chief Conservator of Forests, Kanara Circle, Sirsi

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The Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change,  
New Delhi vide letter dated 07.06.2018 (ref-1) has requested their Regional Office  
(Southern Zone) Bengaluru to furnish the information on four points with regard to  
the request of the User Agency for extension of the lease period of the  
abovementioned proposal.

Regional Office (Southern Zone), Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate  
Change, Bengaluru vide their letter dated 18.06.2018 (ref-2) enclosing a copy of  
above referred letter requested this office to furnish the information as sought  
therein.

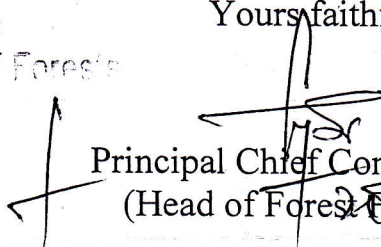
In this regard, the Chief Conservator of Forests, Kanara Circle, Sirsi vide  
letter dated 18.07.2018 (ref-3) has submitted a report to this office. Based on the said  
report, the information in respect of the four (4) points is furnished as follows.

Sl. No.	Information sought	Information provided.
01.	Whether the said land adjoins a forest land?	The forest lease in question is in F.Sy.No. 232 of Sirsi Village and Taluk and is surrounded by: <b>On North and On East:</b> Forest area released to Revenue Department for further transfer to Industries Department for setting up industrial Development area (prior to FCA 1980). <b>On South:</b> Narrow strip of forest land and Sirsi – Banavasi Road further beyond. <b>On West:</b> Private land Sy.No. 233.
02.	How much of the 2.00 hectare land is actually under non-forestry use?	As per report of Chief Conservator of Forests, Kanara Circle, the User Agency is using entire leased area of 2.00 hectare for non-forestry purpose. However, as per satellite imagery nearly half of the lease area appears to be under tree cover. As the entire piece of leased forest land is surrounded by built up area/Private land/Road, it may be best retained in the existing forest lease.
03.	A copy of the KML file may be provided	The KML file of forest lease in question is enclosed.
04.	What is the period for which the State Government recommends to extend the lease?	The User Agency is requesting to extend the leased period for 99 years. However, a lease period of 50 years may be considered.

In view of the above, the Government of Karnataka is requested to move the matter with Government of India, MoEF & CC Regional Office, (Southern Zone) Bengaluru for further needful.

~~Draft Approved by the~~  
~~Principal Chief Conservator of Forests~~

Yours faithfully

  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Forest Dept) Bengaluru

Copy with Compliments to the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Central), Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Regional Office (Southern Zone) Bengaluru for information.

Copy communicated to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Kanara Circle, Sirsi for information.

Copy communicated to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sirsi Division, Sirsi for information.

Copy to M/s. Sahyadri Papers, Banavasi Road, Sirsi – 581 401 for information.