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No. A5(2)GFL.CR.3 /06-07.

Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleswaram Bangalore-3, Dated:\(\(\varphi\)/7 \(\lambda\) 2006.

To

The Principal Secretary to Government, Department of Forests, Ecology and Environment, M.S.Building, Bangalore.

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 4.00 acres of forest land in Unkal Sy.No.68 in favour of Hubli Journalist Co-operative Housing Society, Hubli.

Ref: Letter No.A1.GFL.Lease.Journalist.Hubli/04-50, dated 18-11-205 of the Conservator of Forests, Dharwad Circle, Dharwad.

An area of 66.22 acres of forest land in Forest Survey No.68 of Unkal Village of Dharwad District has been granted earlier vide Government Order No.AFD.218.FGL.73, dated 10-12-1973 in favour of 10 various agencies on lease basis for 30 years subject to certain conditions. The lease period has expired on 12/2003.

A proposal for diversion of 4.00 acres of forest land has been submitted by the Conservator of Forests, Dharwad Circle, Dharwad vide letter cited above in favour of Hubli Journalist Co-operative Housing Society Limited, Hubli (one of the agencies) for purpose of construction of houses.

The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Dharwad Division, Dharwad in his site inspection report has reported that the lessee has complied the lease conditions and has paid the lease rent up to date. The lessee has constructed 22 number of houses in the leased area. Hence, the area under question has lost forest characteristics and has been developed into housing colony.

Further, the Conservator of Forests, Dharwad Circle, Dharwad and Deputy Conservator of Forests, Dharwad Division, Dharwad has

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recommended for diversion of forest land for the purpose which it was granted.

The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Dharwad Division, Dharwad has identified degraded forest land in Sy.No.86 of Chennapur for raising compensatory afforestation in lieu of the forest land leased to the Society.

In view of the above, I request you to kindly to move the matter with the Govt. of India, MoEF for the diversion of 4.00 acres of forest land for the above said project in favour of Hubli Journalist Co-operative Housing Society subject to the conditions appended in Annexure 'A'.

The proposal in four sets is enclosed herewith for obtaining approval from Govt. of India, MoEF under Forest (Conservation) Act 1980.

Yours faithfully,

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests.

Copy to the Conservator of Forests, Dharwad Circle, Dharwad and Deputy Conservator of Forests, Dharwad Division, Dharwad for information.

Copy to the President, Hubli Journalists Co-operative Housing Society, Patrakartnagar, Nripatunga Hills (West) Hubli – 580 032 for information.

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