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To

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Karnataka,
Forest, Ecology & Environment Department,
M.S. Building, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi,
Bangalore – 560 001.

Subject: Diversion of 0.06 hectare of forest land in Sy.No.14, Benavalli Village, Shivamogga District (Shivamogga Forest Division) for construction of approach road to ROB & Birur-Talguppa section grade separator at Km 105/100-200 & Km 133/700-800 in favour of the Assistant Divisional Engineer, South Western Railway, Shivamogga -reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No. FEE 25 FLL 2022 (e) dated 04/03/2022 seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in respect of the above project. The in-principle (Stage-I) approval to the project was accorded by the Central Government vide letter of even number dated 24th March, 2022. The State Government vide letter No.FEE 25 FLL 2022 (e) dated 19/11/2025 has reported compliance to the conditions stipulated by the Central Government in the in-principle approval.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am directed to convey Central Government's final approval (**Stage-II**) under Section '2(1)' of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of **0.06 hectare** of forest land in Sy.No.14, Benavalli Village, Shivamogga District (Shivamogga Forest Division) for construction of approach road to ROB & Birur-Talguppa section grade separator at Km 105/100-200 & Km 133/700-800 in favour of the Assistant Divisional Engineer, South Western Railway, Shivamogga, subject to the following conditions:-

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost as per the directions of concerned Divisional Forest

Officer.

3. Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the user agency.
4. The existing road from Masaruru side through forest to the Railway level crossing shall be closed and the said area shall be planted with tall trees by the Forest Department on the stretch of the said road at the cost of the User Agency.
5. The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.
6. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
7. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
8. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
9. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.
10. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
11. User Agency shall obtain the Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
12. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
13. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.06 ha.
14. The concerned Divisional Forest Officer will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area.
15. The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government and Integrated Regional Office, Bengaluru by the end of March every year.
16. Any other condition that the Central Government may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forest and Wildlife
17. The State Govt. shall ensure that the complete compliance of FRA 2006 as per the rule 11 (7) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules 2023
18. The State Government and user agency shall comply the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, NGT order & Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
19. The State Government shall ensure that KML file of the forest area to be diverted and existing road from Masaruru side which required to closed and planted by tall trees shall be uploaded on e-green watch portal.
20. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed under the Adhiniyam, Rules and Guidelines relevant

Yours faithfully,

(Praneetha Paul)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

1. The Chief Executive Officer, National Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority, Ministry of Environment Forests & Climate Change, 3rd Floor (Front Portion), Supreme Court Metro Station Building (Line-3), New Delhi-110 001.
2. The Inspector General of Forests (ROHQ Division), Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Agni Wing, Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi – 110 003.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bengaluru – 560 003.
4. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (VSESA) /Nodal Officer (VSESA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bengaluru – 560 003.
5. The Chief Executive Officer, State CAMPA, office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003.
6. The Assistant Divisional Engineer, South Western Railway, Near Shivamogga Railway Station, Shivamogga -577 201. Karnataka.
7. Guard file.

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