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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 34.98 ha. of forest land in Karwar and Honnavar Divisions of Uttar Kannada District for construction of vented barrage across the river Gangavali at Honnalli to supply additional drinking water to towns of Karwar and Ankola towns, e-route villages and project sea bird in favour of the Executive Engineer, Karnataka Urban Water Supply and Drainage Board, Karwar -reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No. FEE 10 FLL 2020 dated 18/03/2020 and 22/10/2020 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 12th November, 2020. The State Government vide letter No.FEE 10 FLL 2020 (e) dated 18/03/2021, 04/06/2022 and 21/11/2022 have 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' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of **34.98 ha.** of forest land in Karwar and Honnavar Divisions of Uttar Kannada District for construction of vented barrage across the river Gangavali at Honnalli to supply additional drinking water to towns of Karwar and Ankola towns, e-route villages and project sea bird in favour of the Executive Engineer Karnataka Urban Water Supply and Drainage Board, Karwar, subject to the following conditions:-

A. Conditions which need to be complied prior to issue of final approval by State Government and handing over of forest land to User Agency:

1. The conditions required to be adhered under Forests Right Act, 2006 as per the guidelines issued under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 shall be strictly complied with.
2. The State Government shall upload the KML file of the forest area diverted and CA area on the e-green watch portal with all requisite details.

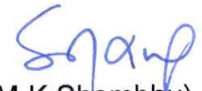
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B. Conditions which need to be complied after handing over of forest land to the User Agency by the State Government:

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS co-ordinates;
3. Compensatory Afforestation (CA) over equivalent non-forest land in Sy.No.14, 15, 28, 32, 38, 39, 40, 41, 45 and 108 of Devakara village, Karwar Taluk, Uttara Kannada District shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency. The State Government shall obtain prior permission of Central Government for change of location and schedule of compensatory afforestation, if any.
4. Atleast 10% of the available water in the dam should be allowed to flow downstream for sustenance of aquatic life.
5. No trees shall be cut in the submerged area.
6. The 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 User Agency and the same shall be transferred to the designated Adhoc CAMPA Account.
7. The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required;
8. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
9. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas;
10. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
11. No additional or new permanent paths will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
12. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Government of India.
13. 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.
14. The forest area shall be used for the purpose for which it is granted. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 34.98 ha.

15. 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.
16. The user agency shall explore the possibility of successful translocation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department;
17. 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, Bangalore by the end of March every year; and
18. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forest and Wildlife.
19. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.21 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of comprehensive guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019.
20. 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.

Yours faithfully,



(M.K. Shambhu)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FC) /Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003.
4. The Executive Engineer, Karnataka Urban Water Supply and Drainage Board, Kajubag, Karwar, Uttara Kannada 581 301.
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