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Karnataka Government Secretariat Multistoried Buildings, Bengaluru, Date:15-02-2023.

From:

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,

Forest, Ecology and Environment Department, Bengaluru-560001.

To:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),

Aranya Bhavan, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 0.914 (revised from 0.852 ha) hectare of forest land Sy.No.20 Vadiyondahalli Village in Arakare Hobli, Srirangapatna Taluk, Mandya District for providing water supply to Mahadevapura and 26 other villages of Mandya District in favour of Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation, Mandya.

Ref: Your office letter No. KFD/HOFF/A5-3(GFL)/7/2021-FC, Date: 14-12-2022 of the The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Head of Forest Force), Bengaluru.

With reference to the above subject I am directed to refer to your office letter vide referred at above seeking prior approval of the State Government under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above cited project.

The State Government hereby conveys in-principle approval (Stage-I) under section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the subject to fulfilment of the Diversion of 0.914 ha (revised from 0.852 ha) of forest land in Sy. No. 20 Vadiyondahalli Village in Arakere hobli, Srirangapatna Taluk, Mandya District for providing water supply to Mahadevapura and 26 other Villages, of Mandya District in favour of Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation, Mandya. following conditions:-

- 01. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged and it shall continue to be forest land and the extent of diverted forest area shall not exceed 0.914 hectare.
- 02. The period of diversion under this approval shall be 20 Years or the project life, whichever is less.

- 03. All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal
- 04. The Complete compliance of the FRA,2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned Deputy Commissioner.
- 05. The User Agency shall pay the applicable Net Present Value (NPV), land lease rent and any other levies as per the conditions of approval.
- 06. The User Agency shall demarcate the lease area in the manner specified at the time of approval at its own cost.
- 07. The lessee shall not sub-lease, mortgage & hypothecate the forest area.
- 08. The leased-out area should be used for the purpose for which it is granted. In case the land is not used for the stipulated purpose within two years or when it is no longer needed for the stipulated purpose, the area would stand resumed to the Forest Department.
- 09. No change in Land Use Plan on forest land shall be done except with prior approval of Government of India under FC Act 1980.
- 10. The application for renewal of the lease in the prescribed form and manner shall be submitted at least six months prior to the expiry of forest lease. In case, no renewal is sought, the lessee shall hand over the lease.
- 11. No residential or commercial buildings shall be permitted in the forest area proposed for diversion.
- 12. All waste/debris generated shall be scientifically disposed off outside the forest area.
- 13. Any damage to forest area because of implementation of the project shall be compensated by the Lessee. The extent of damage shall be assessed by the jurisdictional Chief/Conservator/Deputy Conservator of Forests.
- 14. The lessee shall ensure that no avoidable harm is caused to the fauna and flora in and around of the proposed area.
- 15. In case, any violation of the provisions of the Karnataka Forest Act, 1963 & Rules, 1969 or other relevant Acts/Rules is reported during the lease period, the lease will be liable for forfeiture under Section 82 of Karnataka Forest Act, 1963, The Chief/Conservator/Deputy Conservator of Forests are authorized to take necessary action in this regard.
- 16. The approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is subject to any other clearances necessary under the prevailing statutes.
- 17. The User Agency shall also abide by other conditions those may be imposed by the Government of India, Government of Karnataka and Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) before or after the approval.
- 18. Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.
- 19. The User Agency need to fulfill all the conditions stipulated in the approval accorded by the Member Secretary, Eco Sensitive Zone Monitoring Committee and Deputy Conservator of Forests, Wildlife Division, Mysuru vide letter No. A2/ACT/GL-396/2021, dated:28-03-2022.

- 20. 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 the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change vide letter No. F.No. 5-2/2017-FC, dated: 28th March 2019.
- 21. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (https://Parivesh.nic.in/)

Yours faithfully

(M. Manjunatha)

Under Secretary to Government

Forest, Ecology and Environment Department (Forest-C)

Copy to: -

15/2/2023

- 1) The Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi-110003
- 2) The Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), Integrated Regional Office Kendriya Sadan, 4th Floor, E&F Wings,17th Main, Koramangala.
- 3) The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) Aranya Bhavan, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003.
- 4) The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) Aranya Bhavan, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003.
- 5) The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation) and Nodal Officer (FCA) Aranya Bhavan, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003.
- 6) The Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation, Mandya.
- 7) SGF/Spare Copies.