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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 2.168 hectare of forest land in Sy.No.62, Chitrabhanukote village, Sy.No.80, Naganur village, Sy.No.94, Laxanatti village and Sy.No.79, Dadanatti village, Mudhol Taluk, Bagalkote District for laying Rising Main (Pipeline) under Veerabhadreshwara Lift Irrigation Scheme in favour of the Executive Engineer, Karnataka Neeravari Nigama Ltd (KNNL), Ghataprabha Right Bank Canal Construction (GRBCC) Division No. 5, Koujalagi, Gokak Taluk, Belagavi District -reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government's letter No. FEE 07 FLL 2022 (e) dated 02/03/2022 seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section '2' of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above project.

After careful examination of the proposal of the State Government, **in-principle approval /Stage-I clearance** of the Central Government is hereby granted for diversion of 2.168 hectare of forest land in Sy.No. 62, Chitrabhanukote village, Sy.No.80, Naganur village, Sy.No.94, Laxanatti village and Sy.No.79, Dadanatti village, Mudhol Taluk, Bagalkot District for laying Rising Main (Pipeline) under Veerabhadreshwara Lift Irrigation Scheme in favour of the Executive Engineer, Karnataka Neeravari Nigama Ltd (KNNL), Ghataprabha Right Bank Canal Construction (GRBCC) Division No. 5, Koujalagi, Gokak Taluk, Belagavi District, subject to the following conditions:-

A: Conditions which need to be complied prior to handing over of forest land by the State Forest Department.

1. The User Agency shall transfer online, the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted under this proposal, as per the guideline issued by Ministry vide letter No.5-3/2011-FC (Vol-I) dated 06/01/2022. The requisite funds shall be transferred through online portal into CAMPA account of the State Concerned.
2. The identified deemed forest land of 5.66 ha, in Sy.No. 25/1A, Mugalolli village, Sheethimani Hobli, Bagalkote Taluk & District for raising Compensatory Afforestation shall be transferred and mutated in the name of forest department and notified as RF/PF prior to Stage II approval.

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3. The User Agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the compensatory afforestation over identified deemed forest land (double the extent of forest area being diverted) at the current wage rate in consultation with State Forest Department in the account of CAMPA of the concerned State through online portal. The scheme may include demarcation of non forest land using chain link fencing with provision for watering and SMC works and appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years.
 4. The user agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the user agency with the State Forest Department
 5. All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/deposited in CAMPA account only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>). Amount deposited through other mode will not be accepted as compliance of the Stage-I clearance.
 6. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).
 7. The State Government shall complete settlement of rights, in term of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006, if any, on the forest land to be diverted and submit the documentary evidence as prescribed by this Ministry in it's letter No. 11-9/1998-FC dated 3rd August 2009 read with 05.07.2013 with necessary enclosures, in support thereof.
 8. The KML file of the area diverted and area proposed for CA shall be uploaded on the e-green watch portal with all requisite details and same shall be submitted along with compliance report.
 9. 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.
 10. 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;
- B: Conditions which need to be strictly complied on field after handing over of forest land to the user agency by the State Forest Department but the compliance in form of undertaking shall be submitted prior to Stage-II approval:**
1. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
 2. Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised over the identified deemed forest land and maintained thereafter by the State Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency and at least 1000 plants per hectare shall be planted over identified deemed forest land within three years of grant of final approval. If it is not possible to plant so many saplings in the area identified for CA, the balance saplings shall be planted in the degraded forest land identified in Naganapur RF and Lakshanatti

RF in Sy.No., 80 & 94 respectively as per prescriptions of approved working plan with provision for subsequent maintenance of ten years.

3. At the time of payment of the Net Present Value (NPV) at the then prevailing rate, the User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
4. 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.
5. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 2.168 ha.
6. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
7. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
8. 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.
9. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
10. 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.
11. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
12. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
13. 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.
14. 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
15. The user agency shall comply all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.

After receipt of compliance report on fulfilment of the conditions mentioned above, the proposal shall be considered for final approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The user agency shall take up the work as per the guidelines in force for the entire stretch are in place. Working permission, if any issued, shall be intimated to IRO, Bengaluru. Transfer of forest land shall not be affected till final approval is granted by the Central Government in this regard.

Further, it may also be note that this in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 5 years from the date of issue of this letter. In the event of non-compliance of the above conditions, this in-principle approval shall be revoked after 5 years.

Yours faithfully,



(B.N. Anjan Kumar)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-


1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003.
2. 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.
3. The Executive Engineer, M/s. Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Ltd, Ghataprabha Right Bank Canal Construction (GRBCC), Division No. 5, Koujalagi, Gokak Taluk, Belagavi District -591 227.
4. Guard file.



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22/3/2022