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Date As per e-signature

To,

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government
 Forest, Ecology and Environment Department
 M.S. Building, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi,
 Bengaluru – 560001.

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 0.98 hectare of forest land in Gokarna Village F.Sy No. 1492A1A, Gokarna Hobli, Kumta Taluk, Uttara Kannada District (Honnavar Forest Division) for establishment of Solid and Liquid Waste Disposal Unit in favour of the Panchayath Development Officer, Gram Panchayath, Gokarna

Proposal No. FP/KA/OTHERS/36295/2018 [Stage-I approved]

Ref:

1. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Regional Office (Southern Zone), Bengaluru letter F.No. 4 KRB 1288/2021-BAN/1465 Dated 25-02-2022 [*Stage-I approval*]
2. Government of Karnataka letter No. FEE 04 FLL 2021 (e) dated 14-03-2022 [*communication of Stage-I approval*]
3. This office letter of even number dated 06-04-2022.
4. The Panchayath Development Officer, Gram Panchayath, Gokarna submitted Compliance Report dated 19-02-2021 (Online) & Letter No. S.No/GPG/2024-25 11-06-2024 (Hard Copies).
5. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Honnavar Division, Honnavar letter No. B2/GFL/FC/CR-17/2020-21 dated 12-08-2025.
6. Conservator of Forests, Kanara Circle, Sirsi letter No. B2/GFL/FCA/Solid Waste Yard/CR-30/2020-21/1558 dated 20-08-2025.

The Government of India vide Ref (1) letter dated: 19-11-2020 has accorded 'in-principle' (Stage-I) approval for Diversion of 0.98 hectare of forest land in Gokarna Village F.Sy No. 1492A/1A, Gokarna Hobli, Kumta Taluk, Uttara Kannada District (Honnavar Forest Division) for establishment of Solid and Liquid Waste Disposal Unit in favour of the Panchayath Development Officer, Gram Panchayath, Gokarna each subject to fulfilment of certain conditions stipulated therein. Based on Stage-I approval for the project, the Government of Karnataka vide Ref (2) letter has directed to submit the Compliance Report in respect of conditions of Stage-I approval. Accordingly, this office vide Ref (3) letters has informed the User Agency and the Field officers to submit the compliance report in respect of the conditions of Stage-I approval.

In response, the User Agency has submitted the compliance report to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bengaluru Urban Division vide Ref (4), who after verification has, vide Ref (5) submitted the condition-wise Compliance Report to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Bengaluru Circle, who has further submitted the same vide Ref (6) to this office.

Based on the reports received as above, the status of compliance to the conditions of Stage-I approval is as under:

A: Conditions which need to be complied prior to handing over of forest land by the State Forest Department.	
1)	<p>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-1) dated 06/01/2022. The requisite funds shall be transferred through online portal into CAMPA account of the State Concerned.</p> <p>The User Agency has deposited an amount Rs. 15,63,874/- for 0.98 ha @ Rs15.63 Lakh per ha towards NPV charges through e-payment mode to KARNATAKA CAMPA Account.</p> <p>Copy of Status of payment page taken from the FC web portal & copy of challan is enclosed as an Annexure-A.</p>
2)	<p>Cost of raising plantation (including ten years maintenance) of ten times number of trees to be felled shall be realized from user agency towards compensatory afforestation.</p> <p>The User Agency has paid an amount of Rs. 2,89,000/- towards cost of raising Compensatory Plantation charges through e-payment mode to KARNATAKA CAMPA Account.</p> <p>Copy of the Status of payment page taken from the FC web portal & copy of challan is</p>

		enclosed as an Annexure-A.
3)	Location of the area (map with DGPS coordinates) identified for raising the plantations shall be furnished along with compliance report.	Location of the area identified for raising the plantations in 1.00 ha of Gokarna F.Sy.No.1269 of Hiregutti Range. Map enclosed as an Annexure-B.
4)	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.	The user agency has deposited all funds in CAMPA account only through e-portal. RTGS, Khajane-2 enclosed as an Annexure-A.
5)	The KML file of the area diverted and CA plantation (ten times no. of trees to be felled) shall be uploaded on the e-green watch portal with all requisite details and same shall be submitted along with compliance report.	KML file was uploaded on the e-green watch portal with GPS ID:56578.
6)	The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/).	User Agency has uploaded online compliance report.
7)	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.	In this regard DCF has stated that the User Agency has demarcated boundary of the diverted forest land and the photocopies of the same is enclosed as Annexure-C.
8)	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.	In this regard DCF has obtained an Undertaking from the User Agency and submitted the same. Copy enclosed as Annexure-D.
B.2 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;	In this regard DCF has obtained an Undertaking from the User Agency and submitted the same. Copy enclosed as

		Annexure-I.
2)	<p>A Monitoring Committee shall be constituted comprising of Assistant Conservator of Forest having jurisdiction as Chairman, jurisdictional Tahsildar and Panchayat Development Officer (PDO) as Members, to monitor the project with following terms of reference.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. The committee shall ensure that all the stipulated conditions are complied with and surrounding forest area is not utilized for dumping of waste. II. The committee shall ensure that there is no adverse impact of the project on the surrounding forest area. III. In case of violation, the Committee and State Forest Department shall take necessary action and report the violation to IRO, MoEF&CC, Bengaluru IV. The monitoring committee shall submit six monthly reports to IRO, MoEF&CC Bengaluru 	<p>In this regard DCF has obtained an Undertaking from the User Agency and submitted the same. Copy enclosed as Annexure-II.</p>
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.	<p>In this regard DCF has obtained an Undertaking from the User Agency and submitted the same. Copy enclosed as Annexure-III.</p>
4)	Tree felling shall be restricted to the barest minimum possible and under confirmation from the local forest officials.	<p>In this regard DCF has obtained an Undertaking from the User Agency and submitted the same. Copy enclosed as Annexure-IV.</p>
5)	The user agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986 and EIA notifications issued thereunder	<p>In this regard DCF has obtained an Undertaking from the User Agency and submitted the same. Copy enclosed as Annexure-V.</p>
6)	The period of diversion under this	<p>In this regard DCF has obtained an</p>

	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.	Undertaking from the User Agency and submitted the same. Copy enclosed as Annexure-VI.
7)	The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.98 ha. 8. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land	In this regard DCF has obtained an Undertaking from the User Agency and submitted the same. Copy enclosed as Annexure-VII.
8)	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.	In this regard DCF has obtained an Undertaking from the User Agency and submitted the same. Copy enclosed as Annexure-VIII.
9)	No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work	In this regard DCF has obtained an Undertaking from the User Agency and submitted the same. Copy enclosed as Annexure-IX.
10)	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal	In this regard DCF has obtained an Undertaking from the User Agency and submitted the same. Copy enclosed as Annexure-X.
11)	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;	In this regard DCF has obtained an Undertaking from the User Agency and submitted the same. Copy enclosed as Annexure-XI.
12)	No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused;	In this regard DCF has obtained an Undertaking from the User Agency and submitted the same. Copy enclosed as Annexure-XII.
13)	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;	In this regard DCF has obtained an Undertaking from the User Agency and submitted the same. Copy enclosed as Annexure-XIII.
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.	In this regard DCF has obtained an Undertaking from the User Agency and submitted the same. Copy enclosed as Annexure-XIV.
15)	The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect	In this regard DCF has obtained an Undertaking from the User Agency and

	of the above stated conditions to the State Government and Integrated Regional Office, Bengaluru by the end of March every year.	submitted the same. Copy enclosed as Annexure-XV.
16)	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.	In this regard DCF has obtained an Undertaking from the User Agency and submitted the same. Copy enclosed as Annexure-XVI.

In view of the compliance to conditions of Stage-I approval as reported by the field officers, it is requested to accord the final (Stage-II) approval for diversion of the said forest land under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for a period of twenty (20) years.

The relevant documents in 2 sets are submitted herewith for kind perusal and further action.

Yours faithfully

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Conservation) & Nodal Officer (VSESA)

Copy to the,

1. Chief Conservator of Forests, Kanara Circle, Sirsi for information.
2. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Honnavar Division for information.
3. Panchayath Development Officer, Gram Panchayath, Gokarna, Uttarakannada District for information.