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To,

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government
Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment
M.S. Building, Bengaluru-560 001

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 1.894 ha. of forest land in Sy No. 12 & 13 of Uttarahalli-Manavarthe (U.M) Kavalu, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and Division for rehabilitation and upgrading of the existing road to 2-lane with paved shoulders /4 lane configuration from Km 438.475 (Proposed Km 435.250) Harohalli to Proposed KM 461.550 (Proposed Km 458.420) Nice Road Section of NH-209 [Project road length 23.075 km] in favour of the Project Director, PIU, National Highways Authority of India, Basavanapura (Ramadevarapada) Ramanagara - reg
Proposal No. FP/KA/ROAD/26269/2017/Stage-I approved]

- Ref:**
1. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Bengaluru letter F.No. 4-KRB 1166/2018-BAN dated :22-07-2019 [Stage-I approval]
 2. Government of Karnataka letter No.FEE 58 FLL 2018 dated 23-08-2019 [communication of Stage-I approval]
 3. This office letter of even number dated: 22-08-2019 and 04-09-2019 [communication of Stage-I approval to User Agency & field officers] and 11-04-2022 [letter to DCF Bengaluru Urban Division for submission of complete compliance]
 4. Project Director, PIU, National Highways Authority of India, Basavanapura (Ramadevarapada) Ramanagara letter No. NHAI/PIU-RMNG/12014/50/2020-21/1530 dated:02-09-2021 [Compliance Report]
 5. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bangalore Urban letter No.A7/ Land/NH-209/CR.38/2017-18/173 Dated:08-04-2022 [Compliance Report]
 6. Chief Conservator of Forests, Bengaluru letter No. A11/land/CR-07/2018-19 dated 20-04-2022 [Compliance Report]

The Government of India vide ref (1) has accorded 'in-principle' (Stage-I) approval under Section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for above mentioned project subject to certain conditions as detailed therein. The Government of

Karnataka vide ref (2) has communicated it seeking compliance. The same was forwarded by this office vide ref (3) to field officers and to him for compliance of conditions stipulated there in.

In response, user agency vide ref (4) have submitted the compliance report to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bangalore Urban Division, who after verification, vide ref (5) has 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.

	Stage-I approval condition	Status of Compliance
1	The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.	The legal status of the forest land will be unchanged and same will be monitored in future. Moreover, the User Agency has submitted an Undertaking in this regard. [ANNEXURE-1].
2	The boundary of the forest land to be diverted shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost as per the directions of concerned Divisional Forest Officer before Stage -II approval.	The User Agency has demarcated the forest area proposed for diversion by erecting cement concrete pillars duly numbered at interval of 20 meters at its cost. ANNEXURE - IV
3	The cost of raising Compensatory Afforestation in degraded forest land over an extent of 4 ha. in Sy.No. 182 of Marenahalli Village of Marasandra RF in Jala Hobli-3, Bengaluru, North taluk (Yelhanka), Bangalore Urban District, shall be realized from the User Agency.	The User Agency has paid an amount of Rs. Rs.68,32,000/- towards the cost of raising Compensatory Afforestation for 4.00 ha @ Rs.17.08 lakh per ha to Ad-hoc CAMPA through e-payment portal as follows. 1. vide challan dated:12-11-2020 for 63,72,000 [Included in total amount of Rs.83,57,644/-]. 2. vide challan dated:07-10-2021 for 4,60,000 [Included in total amount of Rs.4,70,000/-].
4	The area identified for Compensatory Afforestation needs to be provided with Chain link fencing for better survival of plantation. A detailed model for Compensatory Afforestation inclusive of Chain link fencing, SMC works etc, may be implemented at the cost of User Agency.	Copy of Payment Page Print taken from FC Web portal is enclosed. [ANNEXURE-II and II (A).]
5	Suitable SMC works, 200 mts on either side of the road, in forest area shall be undertaken at the cost of User Agency by the State Forest	The User Agency has remitted the cost of cost SMC charges Rs. 8,10,000/- towards the cost of SMC charges for 200 meters to Ad-hoc CAMPA through e-payment portal

	Department.	as follows. 1. vide challan dated:12-11-2020 for 8,00,000 [Included in total amount of Rs.83,57,644/-]. 2. vide challan dated:07-10-2021 for 10,000 [Included in total amount of Rs.4,70,000/-]. Copy of Payment Page Print taken from FC Web portal is enclosed. [ANNEXURE-II and II (A).]
6	A Mitigation Plan as approved by the CWLW shall be implemented by the User Agency at their cost.	The User Agency has submitted an undertaking [ANNEXURE-I] for implementation of the Mitigation plan as approved by the CWLW vide letter dated 14-02-2019 <i>[enclosed as ANNEXURE-III].</i>
7	The User Agency should fell trees only if it is necessary 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.	The User Agency has submitted an Undertaking in this regard. [ANNEXURE-I]
8	The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value for the 1.894 ha. of forest area to be diverted under this proposal from the user agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 28-03-2008 and 09-05-2008 in IA Nos. 826 in 566 with related IA's in Writ petition (Civil) No. 202/1995.	The User Agency has paid an amount of Rs. 11,85,644/- for 1.894 ha @ Rs.6,26,000/- per ha towards NPV charges (Eco Class-III, Open Forest) to Ad-hoc CAMPA through e-payment portal (<i>Transaction date 18-11-2020</i>) vide e-payment challan dated 12-11-2020 <i>[included in total amount of Rs.83,57,644/-].</i> Copy of Payment Page Print taken from FC Web portal is enclosed. [ANNEXURE-II]
9	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. The user agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.	The User Agency has submitted an Undertaking in this regard. [ANNEXURE-I]
10	All the funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be	The User Agency has made abovementioned payment towards Compensatory levies to Ad-hoc CAMPA

	transferred / deposited to CAMPA fund only through (https://parivesh.nic.in/).	through e-payment portal. Copy of Status of Payment Page taken from FC Web Portal is enclosed [ANNEXURE-2].
11	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.	The User Agency has submitted an Undertaking in this regard. [ANNEXURE-I]
12	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.	The User Agency has submitted an Undertaking in this regard. [ANNEXURE-I]
13	No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of the construction materials for execution of the project work.	The User Agency has submitted an Undertaking in this regard. [ANNEXURE-I]
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 1.894 ha.	The User Agency has submitted an Undertaking in this regard. [ANNEXURE-I]
15	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.	The User Agency has submitted an Undertaking in this regard. [ANNEXURE-I]
16	The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/).	The User Agency has uploaded the compliance report in e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/).
17	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.	The User Agency has submitted an Undertaking in this regard. [ANNEXURE-I].

In view of the above-mentioned 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 1.894 ha. of forest land in Sy No. 12 & 13 of Uttarahalli-Manavarthe (U.M) Kavalu, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and Division for rehabilitation and upgrading of the existing road to 2-lane with paved shoulders /4 lane configuration from Km 438.475 (Proposed Km 435.250) Harohalli to Proposed KM 461.550 (Proposed Km 458.420) Nice Road Section of NH-209 [Project road length 23.075 km] in favour of the Project Director, PIU, National Highways Authority of India, Basavanapura (Ramadevarapada) Ramanagara, under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for a period of twenty (20) years.

The relevant documents in 3 sets are submitted here with for kind perusal and further action. The present status of the proposal obtained from the web-portal is also appended for necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

(VIJAY SHARMA, IFS)

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Conservation) and Nodal Officer (FCA)

Copy to the:

1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Bengaluru for information.
2. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bangalore Urban, Bangalore for information and information and directed take necessary action to carryout wildlife mitigation measures as mentioned in Mitigation Plan as approved by the CWLW by the User Agency at the earliest.
3. Chief Conservator of Forests, Bengaluru Circle, Bengaluru for information and information and directed take necessary action to carryout wildlife mitigation measures as mentioned in Mitigation Plan as approved by the CWLW by the User Agency at the earliest.
4. Project Director, PIU, National Highways Authority of India, Basavanapura (Ramadevarapada) Ramanagara - 571511 for information and directed take necessary action to carryout wildlife mitigation measures as mentioned in Mitigation Plan as approved by the CWLW.

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