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## GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

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Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Forest Force)



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E-725027

Date 04-03-2025

To,

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

Sir,

**Sub:** Diversion of 5.1734 of forest land in Sy.No.165/B of Somalapura Village and Sy.No.1/B of Ankamanahalu Village, Choranuru Hobli, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for construction of 220 Kilo Volt Single Circuit Transmission line from existing 220/66/11 Kilo Volt Sub-Station, Badaladku Village, Kudligi Taluk to M/s Resources Pellets Concentrate Private Limited, Somalapura Village, Sandur Taluk Ballari District for length of 27.90 KM in favour of M/s Resources Pellets Concentrates Private Limited, Sandur, Ballari District.

**Proposal No: FP/KA/TRANS/151786/2022 [Stage-I approved].**

- Ref:**
1. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Bengaluru letter No.4-KRC/1478/2023-BAN/258 dated 16-11-2023 [Stage-I approval].
  2. M/s Resources Pellets Concentrate Private Limited Sandur, Ballari District letter dated 04-01-2025 and 04-03-2025 [online compliance report uploaded].
  3. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division letter No. M1/MNG/RCPL/Transmission/220KV/2022-23/1354 dated 13-02-2025 [Compliance Report to CF, Ballari Circle].
  4. Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle, Ballari letter No.M1/TRNSLINE/FLD/CR-32/2022-23 dated 19-02-2025 [Compliance Report to Nodal Officer].

The Government of India vide ref (1) have accorded 'in-principle' (Stage-I) approval for the above-mentioned project subject to fulfillment of certain conditions.

In response, the User Agency vide ref (2) has submitted the condition-wise compliance report to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, who after verification have vide ref (3) submitted the condition wise compliance to the

Conservator of Forests Ballari Circle, Ballari who has further submitted the same to this office vide ref (4).

Based on the reports received and observations of this office, the status of compliance to the conditions of Stage-I approval is compiled by the User Agency.

Under the above circumstances, it is requested to move the matter with the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Bengaluru to consider according the final (Stage-II) approval for the above-mentioned project.

Yours faithfully

Digitally signed by

Brijesh Kumar

Date: 04-03-2025

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

1. Copy to the Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle, Ballari for information.
2. Copy to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari for information.
3. Copy to M/s Resources Pellets Concentrate Private Limited, General Manager (Projects), No.2198, BKG House, KHB Colony, Sandur, Ballari District – 583 119 for information.



Office of the  
Conservator of Forests,  
Ballari Circle, Ballari,  
Dated: 19-2-2025.

To, ✓

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Forest Conservation),  
Aranya Bhavan, Malleshwaram,  
BENGALURU-03.

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 5.1734 of forest land in Sy.No. 165/B of Somalapura Village and Sy.No. 1/B of Ankamanahalu village, Choranuru Hobli, Sandur Taluka, Ballari District for construction 220 KV single Circuit Transmission line from existing 220/66/11 KV sub Station, Badaladku village, Kudligi Taluk to M/s. Resources Pettets Concentrate Private Limited, Somalapura village Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for length of 27.90 KM-reg.  
**Proposal No. FP/KA/TRANS/151786/2022 [FORM-A]**

- Ref: 1) Letter No. 4-KRC/1478/2023-BAN/258 dtd. 16-11-2023 of Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi.  
2) Government of Karnataka order No. FEE 27 FLL 2023(e) dtd.20-11-2023.  
3) Your office letter No. A5-4/MNG/13/2022-FC, dtd. 24-11-2023.  
4) Letter No.M1/MNG/RCPL/Transmission/220KV/2022-23 dt.13-2-2025 of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari.

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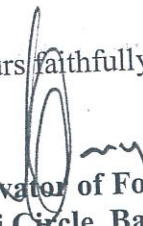
In light of the directions issued by your goodself in the letter (3) cited above and followed by the in-principle Stage-I approval accorded by the Government of India MoEF &CC and directions issued by the Government of Karnataka to comply with all the stipulated conditions vide reference (1) and (2) above respectively, for diversion of 5.1734 of forest land in Sy.No. 165/B of Somalapura Village and Sy.No. 1/B of Ankamanahalu village, Choranuru Hobli, Sandur Taluka, Ballari District for construction 220 KV single Circuit Transmission line from existing 220/66/11 KV sub Station, Badaladku village, Kudligi Taluk to M/s. Resources Pettets Concentrate Private Limited, Somalapura village Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for length of 27.90 KM.

The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari in his letter (4) cited above has submitted the compliance report on all the stipulated conditions as imposed therein for taking further needful action in this instant proposal.

Ongoing through the compliance report submitted by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari, he has stated that compliance and other related documents submitted by the user agency and confirmed that all the stipulated conditions have been complied with by the User Agency as enlisted in Stage-I approval by the jurisdictional sub-ordinate officers.

Therefore, while enclosing the compliance report of all the conditions as imposed by the Government of India in its in-principle Stage-I approval, I request your good self to move the matter with Government for according Stage-II final approval as per the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Yours faithfully,

  
**Conservator of Forests,  
Ballari Circle, Ballari.**



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Deputy Conservator of Forests  
Ballari Division, Ballari



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No.M1/MNG/RCPL/Transmission/220 KV/2022-23/1354

Dt.13.02.2025

To, (Encl:- 05 Sets)  
The Conservator of Forests,  
Ballari Circle, Ballari

Sir,

Sub : Diversion of Forest land over an extent of 5.1734 ha for Construction of 220 KV Transmission line from Badaladuku Sub-Station to Somalapura RPCL Project site in favour of M/s. Resource pellets Concentrates Private Limited, Sandur [Online Application No. FP/KA/TRANS/151786/2022 (FORM-A)] - regarding.,

- Ref: 1) Letter No.4-KRC/1478/2023-BAN/258 Dt.16.11.2023 of Government of India, Ministry of Environmental, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi  
2) Government of Karnataka order No. FEE 27 FLL 2023(e) Dt.20.11.2023  
3) Letter No.KFD/HOFF/A5-4/MNG/13/2012-FC Dt.24.11.2023 of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation), Bengaluru  
4) This office even number Dt:04.12.2023.  
5) M/s. Resource pellets Concentrates Private Limited, Sandur letter Dt:04.01.2024.  
6) Letter No. RFO/SSR/M/s. RPCL/tree/cutting/2024-25/24 Dated : 30.04.2024 of the Range Forest officer, Sandur South Range, Sandur  
7) Letter No. ACF/TA/B/M/s. RPCL/tree/cutting/2024-25 Dated : 02.05.2024 of the Assistant Conservator of Forests, Ballari Sub-Division, Ballari

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With reference to the above subject, the Ministry of Environment Forests and Climate Change, Government of India has accorded 'in principle' approval (Stage-I) under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation), Act-1980 for diversion of Forest land over an extent of 5.1734 ha for Construction of 220 KV Transmission line from Badaladuku Sub-Station to Somalapura RPCL Project site in favour of M/s. Resource pellets Concentrates Private Limited, Sandur, (FC Online Application No. FP/KA/Others/17464/2016) vide letters under reference(1) & (2).

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation), Bengaluru has directed the User Agency to make payments (Net Present Value, CA and other charges) through e-payment module and submit Condition-wise Compliance Report in respect of all the condition stipulated in Stage-I approval vide letter under Ref(3).



In this regard, the undersigned has issued demand notice to the User Agency and also directed to submit the Compliance Report vide letter under Ref(4). The same has been received vide letter under Ref(5).

Therefore, I am herewith submitting the Compliance Report to condition stipulated in Stage-I approval of the Government of India.

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

Sl. No.	Condition imposed	Compliance Report
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.	The User Agency has remitted sum of Rs. 63,55,988.00 (@Rs. 12,28,590/- per hectare) vide UTR No. HDFCR52023121562597126 Dt. 15.12.2023 Net Present Value(NPV) over an extent of 5.1734 hectares.  The details of payment made is enclosed (Annexure-01). Hence, the condition complied.
2	The non-forest land identified to an extent of 5.85ha for Compensatory Afforestation i.e.1.52 ha. at Sy.No. 10/2 and 4.33 ha. at Sy.No.10/A of Malapura village of Toranagallu Hobli, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District shall be transferred and mutated in favour of Forest Department. The said non-Forest land shall be notified as RF/PF by the State Government before the Stage II Clearance. A copy of the original notification declaring the non-forest land under Section-4 or Section-29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927, or under the relevant section of the local Forest Act as the case may be sent to this Ministry along with compliance report for information and record and also uploaded in Parivesh portal as per Ministry's guidelines dated 09/06/2022.	The User Agency has provided 5.85 hectare of non-forest land in Sy. Nos. 10/2 & 10/A of Malapura Village, Sandur Taluk of Ballari District to the Forest Department. The said land was transferred and mutated in favour of Forest Department. Copy of the RTC, Mutation records and Sale Deed are enclosed (Annexure-02).  The said CA land was notified as 'Protected Forests,' under Section-33 of Karnataka Forest Act, 1963 vide Notification No. APAJI 135 FAF 2024 Dt.01.01.2025 (Annexure-02). Hence, the condition complied.
3	The User Agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the compensatory afforestation over equivalent extent of non-forest land 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 shall include demarcation of CA area using	The User Agency has remitted as Rs. 94,98,362.00 towards for payment for Compensatory Afforestation charge (@ Rs. 18,36,000/- per hectares vide UTR No. HDFCR52023121562597126 Dt. 15.12.2023 over an extent of 5.1734 hectares.



	appropriate fencing, provision for tall plants for better survival, provision for watering and SMC works and appropriate provision for anticipated cost escalation for the works scheduled for subsequent years. The CA will be maintained for 10 years	<p>Further, the User Agency has remitted following charges in lieu of this instant proposal.</p> <p>1) Rs. 65,34,124/- (vide UTR No. HDFCR52023121562597126 Dt. 15.12.2023 towards payment for watering charges over an extent of 5.1734 hectares.</p> <p>2) Rs. 3,34,347/- (vide UTR No. HDFCR52024111260548555 Dt. 12.11.2024 towards payment for Wildlife Conservation Plan@2% of Project cost.</p> <p>3) Rs. 83,588/- (vide UTR No. HDFCR52024111260548555 Dt. 12.11.2024 towards payment for Soil and Moisture Conservation Plan@0.5% of Project cost.</p> <p>The payment details are enclosed (Annexure-01). Hence, the condition complied.</p>
4	The User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the area proposed for diversion 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 agreed to fell minimum number of trees in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the supervision of the Department personnel. They have also agreed to deposit the necessary costs against felling of trees. The User Agency has submitted an undertaking in this regard (Annexure-03).
5	All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited in CAMPA account only through e-portal ( <a href="https://parivesh.nic.in/">https://parivesh.nic.in/</a> ). Amount deposited through other mode will not be accepted as compliance of the Stage-1 clearance.	The User Agency has deposited all the funds to CAMPA account only through e-portal ( <a href="http://parivesh.nic.in/">http://parivesh.nic.in/</a> ).
6	The KML file of the area being diverted, Compensatory Afforestation and SMC works shall be uploaded in the e-green watch portal with all requisite details and same shall be submitted along with compliance report.	The KML file of the area being diverted & Compensatory Afforestation works to be taken are uploaded in the e-green watch portal
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	<p>Complete settlement of rights, in term of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006 is not yet obtained and submitted by the User Agency.</p> <p>In this regard, the User Agency has submitted the undertaking and mentioning that, they will produce the FRA certificate before the State Government issues GO or before entering the agreement. (Annexure-04)</p>



8	The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal ( <a href="https://parivesh.nic.in/">https://parivesh.nic.in/</a> )	The User Agency has uploaded compliance report in e-portal ( <a href="http://parivesh.nic.in/">http://parivesh.nic.in/</a> )
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	The User Agency has demarcated the boundary of the diverted forest land on ground. Representative photographs are enclosed ( <b>Annexure-05</b> ) herewith.
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	The User Agency has agreed and submitted the undertaking to this effect ( <b>Annexure-03</b> )

**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**

Sl. No.	Condition imposed	Compliance Report
1	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged	The legal status of proposed Forest Land shall not be changed. The User Agency has submitted an undertaking in this regard ( <b>Annexure-03</b> ).
2	Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised over identified non forest land within three years from the date of Stage II Clearance 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 on identified non forest land	Forest Department will raise Compensatory Afforestation within three years from the date of Stage II Clearance.
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.	The user agency has agreed to pay Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency has submitted an undertaking in this regard ( <b>Annexure-03</b> ).
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.	The User Agency has agreed to comply to this condition and has submitted an undertaking ( <b>Annexure-03</b> ).



5	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land	The User Agency has given undertaking that no labour camp shall be established within the proposed area ( <b>Annexure-03</b> ).
6	No additional or new paths will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work	The User Agency has agreed to this condition and submitted an undertaking ( <b>Annexure-03</b> ).
7	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	The User Agency has agreed to this condition and submitted an undertaking ( <b>Annexure-03</b> ).
8	The user agency at its cost shall provide bird deflectors, which are to be fixed on upper conductor of transmission line at suitable intervals to avoid bird hits	The User Agency has agreed to this condition and submitted an undertaking ( <b>Annexure-03</b> ).
9	The User Agency shall comply with the guidelines for laying transmission lines through forest areas issued by Ministry vide letter No.7-25/2012-FC dated 05/05/2014 & 19/11/2014	The User Agency has agreed to this condition and submitted an undertaking ( <b>Annexure-03</b> ).
10	The user agency in consultation with the State Forest Department prepare a detailed scheme for creation and maintenance of plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) in right of way under transmission line for execution of the said scheme to the State Forest Department	<p>The User Agency has remitted as Rs. 37,50,715.00 towards for payment for plantation of dwarf species charge (@ Rs. 7,25,000/- per hectares vide UTR No. HDFCR52023121562597126 Dt. 15.12.2023 over an extent of 5.1734 hectares.</p> <p>The payment details are enclosed (<b>Annexure-01</b>). Hence, the condition complied.</p>
11	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.	The User Agency has agreed to this condition and submitted the undertaking stating that the land leased shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal ( <b>Annexure-03</b> ).
12	The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 5.1734 ha	The User Agency has agreed to this condition and submitted an undertaking ( <b>Annexure-03</b> ).
13	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	The User Agency has agreed to this condition and submitted an undertaking ( <b>Annexure-03</b> ).

14	No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused	The User Agency has agreed to this condition and submitted an undertaking (Annexure-03).
15	User Agency shall obtain the Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable	The User Agency has agreed to this condition and submitted an undertaking (Annexure-03).
16	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government	The User Agency has agreed to this condition and submitted an undertaking (Annexure-03).
17	The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forest in the surrounding area	Yes
18	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	The User Agency has agreed to this condition and submitted an undertaking (Annexure-03).
19	The user agency shall comply with 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	The User Agency has agreed to this condition and submitted an undertaking (Annexure-03).
20	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 agreed to this condition and submitted an undertaking (Annexure-03).

This is submitted for your kind information and needful action.

Yours Faithfully,

Deputy Conservator of Forests,  
(Ballari Division, Ballari)