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Date As per e-sign

To,

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

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 2.354 Hectare of Forest Land in F. Sy.No. 91,126, 127 of Varaha and Sy.No 291 of Nagavandha villages in Haveri District and F.Sy. No.59 of Adaganti Village, Udagani Hobli and F.Sy.No.32 of Kaginale Village, Hosuru Hobli of Shikaripur Taluk Shimoga District (Haveri and Shimoga Forest Division) for Construction of rising main, gravity feeder and delivery chamber in favour of Executive Engineer, Dandavathi Reservoir Project Division, KNNL, Shikaripura.

Proposal No. FP/KA/WATER/139640/2021 [FORM-A]

Ref:

1. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Regional Office, Bengaluru letter No.4-KRB 1302/2021-BAN 274 dated 19-07-2021 [Stage-I approval].
2. Executive Engineer, KNNL, Dandavathi reservoir project division, Shikaripura Letter No. EE/KNNL/DRP/DN/SKP/PB-2/2024-25/789 dated: 14-07-2025 [compliance report submitted to DCF Sagar].
3. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sagar Division letter no. B1/Bhoomi/FC/WATER/139640/2021-22 Dated 22.09.2025
4. Chief Conservator of Forests, Shimoga Circle letter No. A11/FC/NeeravariAdanagnti/GL-176/2021-22 dated 23.09.2025.

With reference to the above subject, the Government of India vide Ref (1) has accorded 'in-principle' (Stage-I approval) under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 subject to certain conditions stipulated therein.

In response, the User Agency vide ref (2) has submitted condition-wise compliance report to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sagar Division, who after verification have vide Ref (3) has submitted condition wise compliance to the Chief Conservator of Forests Shivamogga Circle, who has further submitted the same to this

office vide ref (4).

Based on the reports obtained from the Field officers, the present status of compliance in respect of conditions of Stage-I approval is as follows.

Condition of Stage-I dated 19-07-2021		Status of compliance
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 orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 and 09.05.2008 in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995 and the guidelines issued by this Ministry vide its letter No.5-3/2007-FC dated 05.02.2009. The requisite funds shall be transferred through online portal into CAMPA account of the State Concerned.	The User Agency has deposited the cost of Net Present Value of Rs. 14,73,604/- Lakhs to CAMPA Account through FC web portal on 10-08-2021. Copy of the Payment Page taken from Parivesh web. portal and Karnataka CAMPA Challan copy have been submitted by the field officers [ANNEXURE-I & II] .
2	The identified non-forest land of 2.354 Ha. in Sy.No.63, Hariharapura village, Kasaba Hobli, Shikaripur Taluk, Shimoga 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.	The identified 2.354 Ha of non-forest CA land in Sy.No.63, Hariharapura village, Kasaba Hobli, Shikaripur Taluk, Shimoga District for raising Compensatory Afforestation is transferred to the Forest Department by Deputy Commissioner, Shivamogga vide letter no. SMGDC: LND(2)/LG(2)/36/2021 (E-76477) Dated: 12.08.2022 and Mutated in favour of Forest Department in Column No-9 of RTC vide MR H1/2025-26 Dated: 08.07.2025. (Regarding the notifying the said CA land as RF/PF is under progress).
3	The User Agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the compensatory afforestation 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	The User Agency has deposited the cost of Compensatory Afforestation of Rs. 40,20,632/-Lakhs @ Rs.17.08 lakh per ha towards compensatory afforestation to CAMPA Account through FC web portal on 10-08-2021. Copy of the Payment Page taken from Parivesh web portal and Karnataka CAMPA Challan copy have been

	using chain link fencing with provision for watering and SMC works and appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years.	submitted by the field officers [ANNEXURE-I & II]. <i>However, the CA rates have been revised with effect from 07-07-2025 and thus the User Agency will have to deposit the difference amount towards CA charges to CAMPA account. The User Agency is being informed in this regard.</i>
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 the compensatory levies in the State Compensatory Afforestation Fund through FC web portal as mentioned against the Condition No. 1 and 3 above.
5	The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/)	The compliance report has been uploaded on the e-Portal.
6	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 its letter No. 11-9/1998-FC dated 3rd August 2009 read with 05.07.2013 with necessary enclosures, in support thereof.	The User Agency has submitted the requisite Certificate in FORM-I (linear projects) issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Mangaluru, vide No. LND(2)LG2/36/2021 (E-76477) Dated: 28.01.2022 is enclosed as [ANNEXURE-III].
7	The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS co-ordinates.	User Agency has demarcated the diverted forest land by erecting cement concrete pillars duly numbered all along the periphery. Photographs of the Pillars erected at the common boundary are enclosed as [ANNEXURE – IV]
8	Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest	The User Agency has agreed and submitted an Undertaking in this regard

	(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.	ANNEXURE-V.
	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.	The legal status of forest land will remain unchanged and it will be monitored by the Forest Department in future. Moreover, the User Agency has agreed and submitted an Undertaking in this regard. [ANNEXURE-V].
2	Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised over equal identified non-forest land (NFL) 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 over identified non-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 will be planted in degraded forest area as per prescriptions of approved working plan with provision for subsequent maintenance of ten years.	Compensatory Afforestation will be raised over equal identified non-forest land (2.354 Ha) in Sy. No. 63 of Hariharapura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Shikaripura Taluk, Shivamogga District, within three years from the date of Stage-II Clearance and will be maintained thereafter.
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 and submitted an Undertaking in this regard ANNEXURE-V.

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 and submitted an Undertaking in this regard ANNEXURE-V.
5	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.	The User Agency has agreed and submitted an Undertaking in this regard ANNEXURE-V.
6	Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the laborer 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 and submitted an Undertaking in this regard ANNEXURE-V.
7	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.	The User Agency has agreed and submitted an Undertaking in this regard ANNEXURE-V.
8	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 and submitted an Undertaking in this regard ANNEXURE-V.
9	No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.	The User Agency has agreed and submitted an Undertaking in this regard ANNEXURE-V.
10	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.	The User Agency has agreed and submitted an Undertaking in this regard ANNEXURE-V.
11	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.	The DCF Sagar and Haveri divisions will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forest in the surrounding area.
12	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	The User Agency has agreed and submitted an Undertaking in this regard ANNEXURE-V.

13	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.	The User Agency has agreed and submitted an Undertaking in this regard ANNEXURE-V.
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In view of the above mentioned compliance to conditions of Stage-I approval as reported by the field officers, **it is requested to accord final approval (Stage-II) under the V(SES), Adhiniyam 1980 for diversion of 2.354 Hectare of Forest Land in F. Sy.No. 91,126, 127 of Varaha and Sy.No 291 of Nagavandha villages in Haveri District and F.Sy. No.59 of Adaganti Village, Udagani Hobli and F.Sy.No.32 of Kaginele Village, Hosuru Hobli of Shikaripur Taluk Shimoga District (Haveri and Shimoga Forest Division) for Construction of rising main, gravity feeder and delivery chamber in favour of Executive Engineer, Dandavathi Reservoir Project Division, KNNL, Shikaripura for a period of twenty (20) years.**

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

Yours Sincerely

Digitally signed by
MAHESH BASAVARAJ SHIRUR
Date: 08-12-2025 13:42:33

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

Copy to the:

1. Chief Conservator of Forests, Dharwad Circle, Dharwad for information.
2. Chief Conservator of Forests, Shimoga Circle, Shimoga for information.
3. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Haveri Division, Haveri for information
4. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sagar Division, Sagar for information **and directed to issue supplementary demand notice to the user agency for payment of differential CA amount.**
5. The Executive Engineer, Dandavathi Reservoir Project Division, KNNL, Shikaripura for information.

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Government of KarnatakaNo:A11/FC/Neeravari-Adaganti/GL-176
/2021-22**Office of the Chief Conservator
of Forests, Shimoga Circle,
Shimoga**

Ph:08182-240385

Place: Shimoga

Dated:23.09.2025

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Encl : 3 sets of compliance report

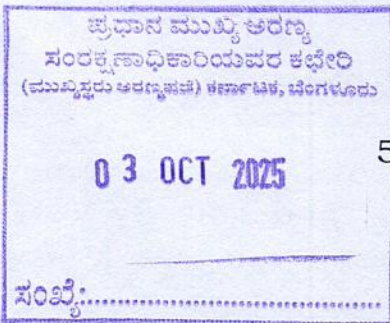
To,

✓ **The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,**
Forest Conservation,
Aranya Bhavan,
Bangalore.

Sir,

Sub :- Diversion of 2.354 Ha of Forest land for the construction of Rising Main in various sy no.s of Adganti, Kaginele, Varaha and Nagavandha villages in Shivamogga and Haveri Districts in favour of the Executive Engineer, Dandavathi Reservoir Project Division, KNNL, Shivamogga-Reg.

- Ref :-**
1. The Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Bangalore Office Letter No. KRB 1302/2021-BAN/274 Dt 19.07.2021.
 2. The Government of Karnataka letter No. Apaji 45 FLL 2021(e) Dt: 02-08-2021 (Stage-I Approval)
 3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation) and Nodal Officer (FCA), Aranya Bhavan, Bengaluru office letter No. KFD/HoFF/A52K(GFL)/12/ 2021-FC Dt: 02-08-2021.
 4. Executive Engineer, KNNL, Dandavathi Reservoir Project Division, Shikaripura Office Letter No. EE/KNNL/DRP/DN/SKP/PB-2/2024-25/789 Dt: 14-07-2025.
 5. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sagara Division, Sagara letter no. : B1/Bhoomi/FC/WATER/ 139640/2021-22 Dated:22.09.2025



Government of India vide reference(1) has issued 'in-principle' Stage-I approval for Diversion of 2.354 ha of Forest

Land, in Shivamogga District (0.701 Ha in Sagara Forest Division and 1.653 Ha in Haveri Division) subject to fulfillment of the conditions.

The User Agency through ref(4) has submitted compliance report with respect to fulfillment of conditions as prescribed in 'in-principle' Stage-I approval and has requested for further processing of the file for Stage-II Approval. The User Agency has fulfilled the conditions as prescribed and the conditions which had to be attended by Sagar Forest Division has been attended and submitted for further necessary action.

The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sagar Division has submitted the compliance report vide ref(5) as below.

PART-A: Conditions which are need to be complied prior to handing over of forest land by State Forest Department

Sl. No.	Conditions	Compliance Status
1	The User Agency shall transfer online, the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted under this proposal, as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 and 09.05.2008 in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995 and the guidelines issued by this Ministry vide its letter No.5-3/2007-FC dated 05.02.2009. The requisite funds shall be transferred through online portal into CAMPA account of the State Concerned.	As per Stage-I order this office raised demand notice for NPV vide letter no B1/Bhoomi/FC/WATER/139640/2021-22 Dt 07.08.2021 for payment of Rs. 14,73,604.00/- user agency made necessary payments to CAMPA account. The NPV amount has been paid to Union Bank of India Bangalore through Challan generated on Dt 07.08.2021 against the payment is made by RTGS on Dt 07.08.2021 (Details enclosed).
2	The identified non-forest land of 2.354 Ha. in Sy.No.63, Hariharapura village, Kasaba Hobli, Shikaripur Taluk, Shimoga District for raising Compensatory Afforestation shall be transferred and	The identified 2.354 Ha of non-forest CA land in Sy.No.63, Hariharapura village, Kasaba Hobli, Shikaripura Taluk, Shimoga District for raising Compensatory Afforestation is transferred to the Forest

Sl. No.	Conditions	Compliance Status
	mutated in the name of forest department and notified as RF/PF prior to Stage II approval.	Department by Deputy Commissioner, Shivamogga vide letter no. SMGDC: LND(2)/LG(2)/36/2021 (E-76477) Dt: 12.08.2022 and Mutated in favour of Forest Department in Column No-9 of RTC vide MR H1/2025-26 Dt: 08.07.2025. (The relevant orders and RTC enclosed). Regarding the notifying the said CA land as RF/PF is under progress.
3	The User Agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the compensatory afforestation 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.	As per Stage-I order this office raised demand notice for CA charges vide letter no B1/Bhoomi/FC/WATER/139640/2021-22 Dt: 07.08.2021 for the cost of raising and maintaining the compensatory afforestation Plantation in 2.354 Ha of non forest CA land i.e Rs 40,20,632.00/- has been paid vide by RTGS with on Dt: 07.08.2021 (Copy of the payment details enclosed)
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.	As mentioned The Executive Engineer, Dandavathi Reservoir Project Division, Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Limited, Shivamogga has made payment of Rs 54,94,236.00/- to designated CAMPA account by NEFT/RTGS on 07.08.2021 (copy of the payment details enclosed).
5	The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/)	The user agency uploaded compliance report on e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/)
6	The State Government shall complete settlement of rights, in	Deputy Commissioner, Shivamogga has issued FRA

Sl. No.	Conditions	Compliance Status
	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 its letter No. 11-9/1998-FC dated 3rd August 2009 read with 05.07.2013 with necessary enclosures, in support thereof	Certificate for the 2.354 Ha forest area proposed for diversion vide letter no. SMGDC-LND(2)LG2/36/2021 (E-76477) Dt: 28.01.2022. (Copy enclosed).
7	The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS co-ordinates.	The user agency demarcated the diversion area as per specification, photo copies attached
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.	There are no violations by the user agency in the diversion area.

PART-B

Sl.No.	Conditions	Compliance Status
1	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.	The user agency has agreed not to change legal status of the diverted forest land.
2	Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised over equal identified	Compensatory Afforestation will be raised over equal identified

Sl.No.	Conditions	Compliance Status
	<p>non-forest land (NFL) 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 over identified non-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 will be planted in degraded forest area as per prescriptions of approved working plan with provision for subsequent maintenance of ten years.</p>	<p>non-forest land (2.354 Ha) in Sy. No. 63 of Hariharapura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Shikaripura Taluk, Shivamogga District, within three years from the date of Stage-II Clearance and will be maintained thereafter.</p>
3	<p>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>	<p>The user agency submitted an undertaking to pay additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.</p>
4	<p>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.</p>	<p>The user agency agreed that, 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.</p>
5	<p>No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.</p>	<p>The user agency agreed that, they will not establish any labour camp in the diversion area.</p>
6	<p>Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the laborer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.</p>	<p>The user agency agreed to provide sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel to the labourers.</p>

Sl.No.	Conditions	Compliance Status
7	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.	The user agency agreed that, they will use the proposed forest land only for purpose which is specified in the project proposal.
8	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 agreed that, the forest land proposed to be diverted will not be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government under any circumstances.
9	No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.	The user agency agreed that, they will not cause any damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining forest area.
10	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.	The user agency agreed that, the layout plan of the proposal will not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
11	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.	The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sagar Division will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area.
12	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	The user agency agreed to submit 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.
13	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.	The user agency agreed that, they will comply to 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 compliance report has been verified and found acceptable. Hence, the same is submitted for your kind information to take further needful action.

Yours faithfully,



Chief Conservator of Forests,
Shimoga Circle, Shimoga

Ltr to PCCF FC reg Neeravari Adaganti