

Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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To,

The Additional Chief Secretary (Forests),
Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment,
Government of Karnataka
Bengaluru.

Subject: Proposal for change in land use of 150.89 ha. from already diverted 246.46 ha forest land in favour of Project Sea bird in Sy. No.7A1A1 of Nellurkanchinbail village, Belekeri Hobli, Ankola Taluk, Uttara Kannada District (Karwar Forest Division) for construction of Naval/Civilian Airport. – regarding.

Madam/Sir

I am directed to refer to the Government of Karnataka's letter No.ACS/FEE 144 /2024-25 dated 13.08.2024 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section-2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sarankshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and to say that after examination of the proposal in the Ministry the following is observed:

- i. The project also involve provision civil airport, in this regard the comments of the State Govt. are required that whether the land which was diverted earlier to the Navy is required to transferred to another agency? Further, the details that how the State Govt. plans to operate the airport for civilian facility as well as for Navy, the same may be clarified. It may also be clarified whether any revenue land is also involved for the operation of the Civil airport for facilities viz. terminal etc.
- ii. The cost benefit analysis is required since the project now involves provision of civil terminal along with earlier proposed Naval facility.
- iii. The State Govt. shall submit the complete KML files (component wise) of the diverted area (i.e. 2259 ha. and 246.46 ha.) and CA area (i.e. 200 ha.) which was already done.
- iv. The State Govt. shall submit the complete compliance of the previous approvals given by the Central Govt. vide letter File No.8-472/1983-FC dated 31.10.1986 and letter File No.8-60/1996-FC dated 16.10.2001.
- v. The status of the CA carried out along with the survival percentage details shall be submitted.
- vi. DGPS maps along with land use plan, master plan or master layout plan of the proposed land use change (component wise) need to be submitted.
- vii. The comments/clarification of the State Government is required for applicability of any new liability arising due to land use change especially

land for CA and levies NPV. Whether, the user agency has provided for the same or have given an undertaking in this regard, needs to be clarified. In view of above the State Government is requested to submit the information/documents as mentioned above to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. Dheeraj Mittal)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru.
2. The DDG (C) Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bengaluru.
3. The APC-cum-Nodal Officer (Sarankshan Evam Samvardhan), Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.