

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

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

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 160.4 hectare of forest land in Sy No. 138 and 146 of Karlakatti village, Sy No. 128, 129 and 130 of Chakrageri village and Sy No. 3 and 4 of Kagihal village, Savadatti (Saundatti) Taluk, Belagavi District (Ghataprabha Division, Gokak) for construction of Standalone Pumped Storage Component of Saundatti Integrated Renewable Energy Project (IREP) in favour of the M/s Greenko Solar Energy Private Limited, Bengaluru, Karnataka (Online Proposal No. FP/KA/HYD/37723/2018).-regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Karnataka vide letter No. FEE 57 FLL 2021 (e) dated 01.10.2024 on the above-mentioned subject. It is to inform that the matter has been examined in the Ministry and the State Govt. is requested to clarify the following:

- i. The State Govt. shall clarify/justify, if the matter with respect to the due compensatory levies was under examination at the State level, why the State Govt. & PCCF (HoFF) submitted the compliance report with request and recommendation to accord the final approval in the instant matter?
- ii. The Ministry has provided a clarification vide letter dated 31.01.2024, in this regard, the State Govt. may clarify the reasons for non-applicability of the said rule in the instant matter and accordingly need for the clarification sought now.
- iii. The State Govt. may clarify, why at the time of providing for change in CA land, the State Govt. has not mentioned /proposed for corresponding plantation in DFL with requisite details and CA scheme.
- iv. Further, pending the sought clarification by the State Govt. vide letter dated 01.10.2024, why the State Nodal Officer & DCF has given permission to execute lease and working permission.

In view of the above, the State Govt. is requested to submit the clarification/information for further perusal in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. Dheeraj Mittal)

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1. PCCF (HoFF), Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru
2. PCCF cum Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru.
3. User Agency.
4. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.