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To,
Additional Chief Secretary (Forests),
Government of Karnataka
Bengaluru

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 160.4 ha. 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 State. (Proposal for accepting the change of CA land)

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Karnataka's letter FEE 57 FLL 2021 (e) dated 16.01.2024 on the above mentioned subject proposal wherein the State Govt. has sought clarification on certain points related to the provisions laid under Rule 13 of *Van (Sanrakshan Evan Samvardhan)*, Rules, 2023 for creation of Compensatory Afforestation.

In this regard, I am also directed to inform that the State Government may take note in this matter as per the provisions of Rule 16 sub rule (8) (i) of the Adhiniyam Rules 2023.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. Dheeraj Mittal)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. PCCF (HoFF), Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru.
2. APCCF cum Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru.

3. DDGF (C), MoEF&CC's RO Bengaluru
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.