

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

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To
Deputy Director General of Forests (Central)
Regional Office, Kendriya Sadan,
4th Floor, E&F Wings, 17th Main Road,
Koramangala II Block, Bangaluru (Karnataka)

Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of Executive Engineer, Karnataka, Neeravari Nigam Limited (KNNL), for non-forestry use of 575.0749 ha of forest land for the construction of dam across Markandeya River and ancillary infrastructure in forest lands of Gokak, Godachinamalki, Konnur and Mavanura villages in Gokak and Hukkeri Taluks, Belagavi District for storing 6 TMC of water under Ghatti-Basavanna Drinking Water Supply Project by KNNL, Govt. of Karnataka. (Online Proposal No. FP/KA/WATER/65437/2020).

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government's letter no. FEE 23 FLL 2023 (e) dated 21.02.2023 and additional information submitted vide letter No. FEE 23 FLL 2023 (e) dated 31.01.2024 (copy enclosed) on above mentioned subject, seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to request that the Regional Office, Bangaluru of this Ministry may kindly inspect the forest land proposed for diversion with its proposed land use by the UA especially requirements/identified CA land (NFL and DFL) and submit a report to this Ministry at the earliest.

2. Further, it is requested to analyze the requirement for 12.95 ha forest land proposed for (i) Dam office & guest house (4.50 ha) (ii) Dam view point (8.45 ha) and (iii) component namely Utility proposed on 1.054 ha. of forest land which seems non-site specific in nature.

Yours faithfully

(Dr. Dheeraj Mittal)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. Additional Chief Secretary (Forest), Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru.
2. PCCF (HoFF), Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru.

3. DDGF (C) Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bengaluru.
4. APCCF cum Nodal Officer (VSESA), 1980, Forest Department, Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru.
5. User Agency.