

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

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

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 221.80 ha. forest land for establishment of Wind Power project in favour of M/s. KREDL for sub-Lease to M/s. Enercon (India) Limited on BOT basis in District Chitradurga, Karnataka. (Request for modification/change of condition Stage-II forest Clearance granted to Wind Power Project (PF/KA/WIND/43786/2020) from existing lease grant of 15 years to 30 years.)

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the representation of the M/s Wind World dated 28.12.2022 and PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), govt. of Karnataka vide letter no. E-office file No.KFD/HoFF/A5-2 (GFL)/143/2019-FC dated 01.04.2023 on the above-mentioned subject for amendment of condition stipulated in approval letter dt 09.08.2002. In this regard, it is informed that the matter was discussed in the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 18.05.2023.

2. In this regard the Advisory Committee (AC) made following observations:

- i. The proposal in the present proposition cannot be acceded to. However, the State Govt. may submit the detailed proposal for regularization and prior approval of the the Central Govt. for renewal of the lease.
- ii. The State Government shall submit the details regarding the extension of the permission granted to operate the wind mill beyond 15 years and provide justification why this should not be considered as violation of FCA, 1980 and action taken in this regard as per the Act.
- iii. The CA land identified with respect to the instant proposal shall be declared as RF/PF within three months.

In view of the above, the Government of Karnataka is requested to take necessary action.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/-

(Dr. Dheeraj Mittal)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to: -

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.
2. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bangalore.

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3. The Nodal Office (FCA) Forest Department, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi, for uploading.