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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, Bengaluru (Karnataka)

S u b: Proposal for seeking Ex post facto approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 3.331 Ha (revised from 4.3013 Ha) of forest land in Sy No. 20 Megalahalli Village, Sy No. 9 Marijogihalli Village and Sy No. 6 Bedarabommanahalli Village in Nirthadi State (Reserved) Forest, Hireguntanuru Hobli, Chitradurga Taluk and District for approach road to ML No. 2677 through Gate-3 in favour of M/s Vedanta limited, Chitradurga District. (Proposal No: FP/KA/MIN/144881/2021)

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government's letter no. FEE 07 FFM 2025 (e) dated 24.03.2025 on above mentioned subject, seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. In this regard, the Regional Office, Bengaluru of this Ministry is requested to inspect the forest land proposed for diversion/identified CA land (NFL) and also submit the SIR. Further, the RO is also requested to submit a monitoring report of all previous approvals linked to the instant proposal to the Ministry.

Yours faithfully

(S. Sundar)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

- 2. Additional Chief Secretary (Forest), Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru.
- 3. PCCF (HoFF), Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru.
- 4. DDGF (C) Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bengaluru.
- 5. APCCF cum Nodal Officer (VSESA), 1980, Forest Department, Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru.
- 6. User Agency.
- 7. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.