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

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New Delhi: 1100 03,
Dated: August, 2023

To
The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Forest, Ecology and environment Dept.,
Government of Karnataka,
Bangalore

Sub: Diversion of 140.917 ha. of forest land in Kamalapura and Ingalgi village Sy No.s in Bilikallu West reserved Forest, Hospet Taluk, Ballari District for establishment of Zoological Park in faour of the Executive Director & Deputy Conservator Forests, Shri Atal Bhihaari Vajapyee Zoological Park, Kamalapura Karnataka.-regarding

Madam/Sir

I am directed to refer to Govt. of Karnataka letter no. FEE 72 FLL 2018 dt 30.07.2020 (received in the Ministry on February 2023 along with the monitoring report submitted by RO, Bangalore) and to inform that after analyzing the request of the State Govt. for modification of condition of Stage-II approval letter dt 31.05.2020, the Ministry has observed the following:-

- i. The State Govt. is requested to offer its comments why an area of 57 ha of Non-forest land in sy. no. 871/8 of Venkatapura village, Ballari district was identified and recommended by the State Govt. for taking up compensatory afforestation at the time of submission of the instant proposal.
- ii. The State Govt. is requested to offer its comments why this request for amendment of condition was not raised after the issue of Stage-I approval dt 05.02.2019. The State Govt. shall also offer its comment on accepting the condition no. 6 of stage-I approval letter and submitting the compliance and seeking stage-II approval vide its letter dt 20.04.2020.
- iii. The State Govt. is requested to submit the KML files of the 15% of the total area diverted that is 21.13 ha out of 57.00 ha along with the toposheet map, DGPS map, CA suitability certificate and non-encumbrance certificate.
- iv. The State Govt. while submitted the proposal has submitted the CA Scheme 57 ha with a cost of ₹17100000/-. Therefore the State Govt. shall submit a revised CA scheme wrt proposed 21.13 Ha as per prevalent schedule of rates.
- v. Further, it is noted that the State Govt. has not made any follow wrt the request for change of condition as per letter mentioned above. In this regard the State Govt. is requested to offer comments.

In view of above the State Govt. is requested to submit the above mentioned documents/information/justification for further consideration of the matter in the Ministry.

Sd/-
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To

1. PCCF & HoFF, Govt. of Karnataka, Bangalore.
2. APCCF cum Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.
3. DDGF (C), Regional Office, Bangalore of MoEF&CC.

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4. User Agency-M/s JSW Steel Ltd.
5. The Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC