

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

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Dated: 21st September, 2023

**To,
The Addl. Chief Secretary,
Forest, Ecology and Environment Dept.,
Govt. of Karnataka.**

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, Bangaluru, Karnataka State (Online Proposal No.FP/KA/HYD/37723/2018) ..-reg.,

Sir,

I am directed to refer to Govt. of Karnataka letter No. FEE 57 FLL 2021 (e) dated 17.03.2023 07.06.2023 and 28.08.2023 on the above-mentioned subject seeking approval of Central Government for accepting the change of CA land. In this regard, it is informed that the matter was discussed in the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 11.09.2023. The detailed minutes of the said AC meeting are uploaded at parivesh.nic.in.

2. After going through the facts of the proposal and submissions made by the Nodal Officer, the Central Govt. hereby accepts the revised CA land i.e. 78.1 ha in two parcels (i.e. 32.15 ha and 45.95 ha) in Sy. Nos. 1/5, 1/7 & 1/9 of Kundacheri village (45.95 ha.) and Sy Nos. 84/2 & 84/7 of Sannapulikutu village (32.15 ha) of Kodagu District identified by the User Agency with a condition that: -

(i) The newly identified CA land of 78.1 ha in two parcels (i.e. 32.15 ha and 45.95 ha) in Sy. Nos. 1/5, 1/7 & 1/9 of Kundacheri village (45.95 ha.) and Sy Nos. 84/2 & 84/7 of Sannapulikutu village (32.15 ha) of Kodagu District and the part of CA land earlier identified i.e. 88.9 ha (total 78.1+88.9= 167 ha) shall be transferred and mutated in the name of Forest Department and notified as RF/PF prior to Stage-II approval. A copy of the original notification declaring the non-forest land under Section 4 or Section 29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927, or under the relevant section of the State Forest Act as the case may be will be submitted by the State Government prior to Stage-II approval.

This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/-
(Dr. Dheeraj Mittal)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to: -

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru.
2. The DDGF(C), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bengaluru.
3. The Nodal Office (FCA) Forest Department, Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi, for uploading.