

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

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To
The Additional Chief Secretary (Forests)
Forest, Ecology & Environment Department,
Government of Karnataka,
Bengaluru

Sub: Proposal for seeking ex-post facto approval of the Central Government under section 2 (1) (ii) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 0.86 ha of forest land for construction of building for fire station in Sy. No. 61 of Bilakhand Village, Bhatkal Taluk -reg (Online Proposal No. FP/KA/OTHERS/1638/2005)

Madam/Sir

I am directed to refer to the Government of Karnataka letter No. No. FEE 82 FLL 2005 dated 25.05.2005 on the 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 it is informed that the proposal was considered in the Advisory Committee meeting held on 25.08.2025.

2. Further, it is also informed that on the basis of the recommendation of the Advisory Committee and with the approval of the competent authority in the Ministry and in view of the fact that the proposed area is non-site specific in nature and that non-forest land can be explored for the said activity, the Central Government hereby **rejects** the proposal seeking ex-post facto approval of the Central Government under section 2 (1) (ii) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 0.86 ha of forest land for construction of building for fire station in Sy. No. 61 of Bilakhand Village, Bhatkal Taluk, Uttara Kannada district, Karnataka.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(S. Sundar)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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