

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 prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of M/s. Zeenath Transport Company, Ballari, for non-forestry use of 9.12 ha. (9.40 ha.) of forest land for approach road in ML No. 2547 in RM Block, Sandur Range, Ballari District, Karnataka-reg. [Online Proposal No. FP/KA/ROAD/7440/2014]

Madam/Sir

I am directed to refer to the Government of Karnataka letter EE 35 FFM 2017 dated 19.07.2025 wherein a request for deletion of the condition no. 2 and modification of condition no. 3 in the final approval letter dated 15.05.2025 has been made. In this regard, it is informed that the matter has been examined in the Ministry and it has been decided that the condition no. 3(2) & 3(3) of the final approval letter dated 15.05.2025 stands modified as below:

Condition no. 2 - The State Govt. shall ensure that newly identified 9.54ha of non-forest land shall be conserved for its natural growth and as a wildlife habitat as recommended the State Govt.

Condition no. 3 - The compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over identified 9.40 ha of degraded forest land at the cost already deposited by user agency as per the approved CA plan by the State Forest Department.

2. Further, the rest of the conditions of the final approval shall remain unchanged.

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.