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To

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Karnataka,
Forest, Ecology & Environment Department,
M.S. Building, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi,
Bangalore – 560 001.

Subject :Diversion of 2.4281 hectares (revised from 2.428 hectare) of forest land in Kadugodi Plantation Village Sy.No.1, Bidarahalli- I Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk" Bengaluru Urban District (and Urban Forest Division) for construction of Ground Level Reservoir (GLR) under Cauvery Water Supply Scheme (CWSS) stage-V, along Eastern Route CP-12, in favour of the Executive Engineer" Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB), Kapila Bhavan. 4th Block, Jayanagara. Bengaluru.(Proposal No.FP /KA /WATER /48609/2020)-reg

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government's letter No. FEE 244 FLL 2023 (e) dated 09/10/2023 and 12/03/2024(received through Parivesh on 28/03/2024) seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section '2(1)' of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for the above project.

After careful examination of the proposal of the State Government, in-principle approval /Stage-I clearance of the Central Government is hereby granted for diversion of 2.4281 hectares (revised from 2.428 hectare) of forest land in Kadugodi Plantation Village Sy.No.1, Bidarahalli- I Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District (and Urban Forest Division) for construction of Ground Level Reservoir (GLR) under Cauvery Water Supply Scheme (CWSS) stage-V, along Eastern Route CP-12, in favour of the Executive Engineer" Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB), Kapila Bhavan. 4th Block, Jayanagara. Bengaluru, subject to the following conditions:-

1. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The non-forest land identified for Compensatory Afforestation i.e. 3.642 ha. at Sy.No. 57 of Chikkarayapanahalli village of Tubagere, Doddaballapur Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District shall be transferred and mutated in favour of Forest Department and the State Government shall notify such mutated area in to RF/PF under relevant act / rules before Final approval and copy of such notification shall be submitted to this office for record.
3. The User Agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the

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compensatory afforestation over equal extent of non forest land at the current wage rate in consultation with State Forest Department in the account of CAMPA of the concerned State through online portal. The scheme shall include demarcation of CA area using appropriate fencing, provision for tall plants for better survival, provision for watering and SMC works and appropriate provision for anticipated cost escalation for the works scheduled for subsequent years. The CA will be maintained for 10 years.

4. The Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised over the equal extent non forest land identified in Sy.No. 57 of Chikkarayapanahalli village of Tubagere, Doddaballapur Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District **within two years from the date of Stage-II clearance** and maintained thereafter by the State Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency. If the identified non forest land is not fit for raising Compensatory Afforestation of specified density, then additional compensatory afforestation shall be raised on degraded forest land over an extent of 4.8562 ha identified in Sy. No.1 of Hulkunte SF, Ujjani State Forest, Doddaballapur Taluk, Bengaluru Rural district.
5. The User Agency shall transfer online, the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted under this proposal as per the guideline issued by Ministry vide letter No.5-3/2011-FC (Vol-I) dated 06/01/2022 and **as per the provision of Chapter 3 of the consolidated Guidelines and Clarification issued vide MoEF&CC order dated 29.12.2023.**
6. At the time of payment of the Net Present Value (NPV) at the then prevailing rate, the User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
7. All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/deposited in CAMPA account only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>). Amount deposited through other mode will not be accepted as compliance of the Stage-I clearance.
8. The KML file of the forest area to be diverted and CA area/ mutated land shall be uploaded on the e-green watch portal with all requisite details and same shall be submitted along with compliance report including GPS ids.
9. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost as per the directions of concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
10. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).
11. The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.
12. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
13. No additional or new paths will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
14. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
15. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 2.4281 ha. **The user agency shall furnish the undertaking to this effect.**
16. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval

of the Central Government;

17. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
18. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
19. The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government and Integrated Regional Office, Bangalore by the end of March every year.
20. The user agency shall comply with all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
21. The State Government, after receiving the 'Final' approval of the Central Government under sub-section (1) of section 2 of the Adhiniyam, and after fulfillment and compliance of the provisions of all other Acts and rules made there under, as applicable including ensuring settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (2 of 2007), shall issue order for diversion;
22. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forest and Wildlife.
23. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed under the Act, Rules and Guidelines relevant.

After receipt of compliance report on fulfilment of the conditions mentioned above, the proposal shall be considered for final approval under Section-2 (1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam 1980. Transfer of forest land shall not be affected till final approval is granted by the Central Government in this regard.

Further, it may also be noted that this in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 2 years from the date of issue of this letter. In the event of non-compliance of the above conditions within 2 years, the in-principle approval shall be deemed to be null and void.

Yours faithfully,

(Praneetha Paul)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

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2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FC) /Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003.

4. The Executive Engineer, Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewage Board (BWSSB), Kapila Bhavan, 4th Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru -560 041.
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