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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: Re-diversion and change of land use in 7.53 hectare of forest land in Kanagalakoppa Village Sy No. 20, 55, 56, 58, 59, 60 & 69, Mandagadde Hobli, Thirthalli Taluk, Shivamogga District (Shivamogga Forest Division) and K.Kanaburu Village Sy No. 82, 83, 97, 98, 99 and Muttinakoppa Village Sy No. 73, KasabaHobli, Narsimharajapura Taluk, Chikkamagaluru District (Koppa Forest Division) for laying of 220 KV Transmission Line under Upper Bhadra Project Package-1 from Karnataka NeeravariNigama Limited [PRIMARY USER AGENCY] to Executive Engineer, Visvesvaraya Jala Nigama Limited (VJNL), Upper Bhadra Project Division No.2, Shivamogga [SECONDARY USER AGENCY]. (Online Proposal No. FP/KA/TRANS/42309/2019) -reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government's letter No. FEE 42 FLL 2021 (e) dated 14/06/2021, 14/03/2025, 05/06/2025, 03/12/2025 and 10/04/2026 seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section '2(1)' of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for the above project.

The proposal was examined by the Regional Empowered Committee constituted under Rule 6 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 in its meeting held on 06/02/2026 and 24/06/2026.

After careful examination of the proposal of the State Government and on the basis of the approval of the Regional Empowered Committee, **in-principle approval /Stage-I clearance** of the Central Government is hereby granted for re-diversion and change of land use in **7.53 hectare** of forest land in Kanagalakoppa Village Sy No. 20, 55, 56, 58, 59, 60 & 69, Mandagadde Hobli, Thirthalli Taluk, Shivamogga District (Shivamogga Forest Division) and K.Kanaburu Village Sy No.

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1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, forward and back bearing and distance from pillar to pillar.
3. The User Agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the compensatory afforestation over an extent of 7.0 ha at Sy.No. 56, Konagavalli village, Shivamogga Taluk and District at the current wage rate in consultation with State Forest Department in the account of CAMPA of the concerned State through online portal.
4. The Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised over an extent of 7.0 ha at Sy.No. 56, Konagavalli village, Shivamogga Taluk and District within 2 years from date on final approval and maintained thereafter by the State Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency and at least 1000 plants per hectare shall be planted.
5. The UA shall deposit the NPV of the forest land been diverted and re-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/re-diverted and CA area 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 of E-green watch portal.
9. The user agency at its cost shall provide bird deflectors, which are to be fixed on upper conductor of transmission line at suitable intervals to avoid bird hits.
10. The User Agency shall comply with the guidelines for laying transmission lines through forest areas issued by Ministry vide letter No.7-25/2012-FC dated 05/05/2014 & 19/11/2014, letter no. 11/47/2023-FC dt 03.07.2026 and as per the chapter 10 of consolidated guidelines and clarification issued under VSESA 1980 and VSES Rules 2023.
11. The user agency in consultation with the State Forest Department prepare a detailed scheme for creation and maintenance of plantation of dwarf species

- (preferably medicinal plants) in right of way under transmission line for execution of the said scheme to the State Forest Department.
12. The User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department.
 13. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
 14. No additional or new paths will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
 15. Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.
 16. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
 17. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 7.53 ha.
 18. 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;
 19. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
 20. User Agency shall obtain the Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
 21. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
 22. 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.
 23. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).
 24. 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.
 25. The State Govt. shall ensure that the complete compliance of FRA 2006 as per the rule 11 (7) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules 2023.
 26. 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.
 27. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed under the Act, Rules and Guidelines relevant.

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

Further, it may also be noted that this in-principle approval shall be valid for a

period of 5 years from the date of issue of this letter. In the event of non-compliance of the above conditions within 5 years, the in-principle approval may be revoked by the Central Government.

Yours faithfully,

(Praneetha Paul)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

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3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bengaluru – 560 003.
4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (CAMPa), O/o PCCF (CAMPa), 1st Floor, Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bengaluru – 560 003.
5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (VSESA) /Nodal Officer (VSESA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bengaluru – 560 003.
6. The Executive Engineer, M/s. Visvesvaraya Jala Nigam Ltd, Upper Bhadra Project Division No.2, B.R. Project, Shivamogga -577 115.
7. Guard file.