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**BY SPEED POST**

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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: Renewal of diversion of 2.0 ha. of forest land in Sirsi Village F.Sy. No. 232, Uttara Kannada District (Sirsi Forest Division) for existing hand made paper Manufacturing Small Scale Industry in favour of M/s Sahyadri Papers, near Industrial Estate Banavasi Road, Sirsi, Uttara Kannada District -reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government's letter No. FEE 46 FLL 2020 (e) dated 07/10/2020 seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section '2' of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 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 renewal of diversion of 2.00 ha. of forest land in Sirsi Village F.Sy. No. 232, Uttara Kannada District (Sirsi Forest Division) for existing hand made paper Manufacturing Small Scale Industry in favour of M/s Sahyadri Papers, near Industrial Estate Banavasi Road, Sirsi, Uttara Kannada District, for a period of 25 years with effect from 22/06/2020, subject to the following conditions:-

**A: Conditions which need to be complied prior to handing over of forest land by the State Forest Department.**

1. The boundary of the forest land to be diverted shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the cost of User Agency as per the directions of concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
2. The State Government shall complete settlement of rights, in term of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006, if any, on the forest land to be diverted and submit the documentary evidence as prescribed by this Ministry in it's letter No. 11-9/1998-FC dated 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2009 read with 05.07.2013, in support thereof.

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3. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.21 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of comprehensive guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019.

4. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).

**B: Conditions which need to be strictly complied on field after handing over of forest land to the user agency by the State Forest Department but the compliance in form of undertaking shall be submitted prior to Stage-II approval:**

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the user agency. The user agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
3. No tree felling shall be undertaken in the diverted area and green cover area shall be maintained as per pollution control norms.
4. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas;
5. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused;
6. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government;
7. The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area.
8. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than i.e. specified in the project proposal.
9. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 2.0 ha.
10. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Government of India.





11. 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.
12. 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; and
13. The user agency shall comply 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.

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

Yours faithfully,


  
(M.K. Shambhu)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18<sup>th</sup> Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003.
2. 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, 18<sup>th</sup> Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003.
3. Shri M.V. Joshi, Partner, M/s Sahyadri Papers, Banavasi Road, Sirsi- 581 401, Uttara Kannada District (Karnataka).
4. Guard file.

  
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12/11/2020