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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 32.28 ha. of forest land in Devasamudra and 9 other villages in Chitradurga Division and District for strengthening and widening of 159.9 km long stretch of existing National Highway (NH-150A) from Bellary (KM 253.600) to Hiriyur (KM 413.500) in favour of the Deputy General Manager, National Highway Authority of India, Project Implementation Unit, Hospet.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government's letter FEE 68 FLL 2018 dated 07/12/2018 and 06/02/2019 seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section '2' of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above project.

The proposal was examined by the Regional Empowered Committee constituted under sub-rule (1) of rule 4A of the Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2003 in its meeting held on 15/02/2019.

After careful examination of the proposal of the State Government and on the basis of the approval of the Regional Empowered Committee, the Central Government hereby conveys the in-principle approval (**Stage-I**) for the diversion of 32.28 ha. of forest land in Devasamudra and 9 other villages in Chitradurga Division and District for strengthening and widening of 159.9 km long stretch of existing National Highway (NH-150A) from Bellary (KM 253.600) to Hiriyur (KM 413.500) in favour of the Deputy General Manager, National Highway Authority of India, Project Implementation Unit, Hospet, for a period of 20 years, subject to the following conditions:-

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The demarcation of the common boundary of the forest area being diverted shall be carried out by erecting cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of User Agency, before Stage-II approval.
3. The cost of raising Compensatory Afforestation over double the degraded forest land over an extent of 66.06 ha. in Sy.No. 1 of Kamarada Kaval Reserved Forest

