

## भारत सरकार GOVERNMENT OF INDIA पर्यावरण ,वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS & CLIMATE CHANGE Regional Office (Southern Zone), Kendriya Sadan, IVth Floor, E& F Wings, 17<sup>th</sup> Main Road, lind Block, Koramangala, Bangalore – 560 034, Tel.No.080-25635908, E.Mail: <u>rosz.bng-mef@nic.in</u>





То

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

Subject: Diversion of 0.809 ha. of forest land in Sy. No. 124/P1 of Agargandi Poopadikatte (Maninalkuru) village, Bantwala Taluk, Dakshina Kannada District for construction of Gram Panchayat Office in favour of the Panchayath Development Officer, Maninalkuru Gram Panchayath, Dakshina Kannada District – Reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No.FEE 54 FLL 2017 dated 27/04/2017 and 12/01/2018 seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section'2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in respect of the above project.

After careful consideration of the proposal, I am directed to convey Central Government's approval in-principle (Stage-I) under Section'2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.809 ha. of forest land in Sy. No. 124/P1 of Agargandi Poopadikatte (Maninalkuru) village, Bantwala Taluk, Dakshina Kannada District for construction of Gram Panchayat Office in favour of the Panchayath Development Officer, Maninalkuru Gram Panchayath, Dakshina Kannada District, 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 proposed forest area 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 plantation of ten times the number of trees to be felled shall be realised from the user agency.
- 4. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring 0.809 ha. from User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos.826 in 566 with related IA's in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995.
- 5. 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 User Agency. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.

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- 6. User Agency should ensure that the Compensatory Levies are deposited in the appropriate bank through challan generated online on the web portal. Amount deposited through other modes will not be accepted as compliance of the Stage –I clearance.
- 7. No residential building shall be permitted in the proposed forest area.
- 8. The forest area shall be used for the purpose for which it is granted. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.809 ha.
- 9. Any other condition that the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bangalore may impose from time to time for protection, improvement of flora and fauna in the forest area and public convenience, shall also be applicable.
- 10. Violation of any of the conditions shall invite penal action, as deemed fit by the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bangalore.

After receipt of the compliance report on the above conditions, the proposal will be considered for final approval. This in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 5 years and the forest land shall not be transferred to the User Agency prior to the issue of final approval.

Yours sincerely,

(R. Padmawathe)

Deputy Conservator of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

- 1. The Director General of Forests & Special Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Agni Wing, Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi 110 003.
- 2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18<sup>th</sup> Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore 560 003.
- The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/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.
- 4. The Panchayath Development Officer, Maninalkuru Gram Panchayath, Post Bantwal, Bantwal Taluk, Dakshina Kannada District (Karnataka).
- 5. Guard file.

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