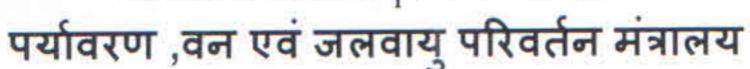
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To

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

Subject:

Diversion of 0.9894 ha. of forest land in Sy.No. 126, 129, 142, 143, 145 and 2 of Kattaya village, Hassan Taluk and District for providing water supply to Hassan city in favour of the Executive Engineer, Karnataka Urban Water Supply and Drainage Board (KUWSDB) -reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government's letter No.FEE 96 FLL 2018 dated 28/01/2019 and 10/05/2019 seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section'2' of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above project.

After careful consideration of the proposal, I am directed to convey Central Government's in-principle approval (Stage-I) under Section'2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the diversion of 0.9894 ha. of forest land in Sy.No. 126, 129, 142, 143, 145 and 2 of Kattaya village, Hassan Taluk and District for providing water supply to Hassan city in favour of the Executive Engineer, Karnataka Urban Water Supply and Drainage Board (KUWSDB), subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

- The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
- The boundary of the forest land to be diverted shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost as per the directions of concerned Divisional Forest Officer before Stage-II approval.
- 3. 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.
- 4. The cost of raising plantation of ten times the number of trees to be felled shall be realised from the user agency. The location of the area identified for raising the plantation shall be furnished.
- The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value for 0.9894 ha. of forest area
 to be diverted under this proposal from the 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.

- 6. 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.
- 7. All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred /deposited to CAMPA fund only through (https://parivesh.nic.in/).
- The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
- 9. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- 10. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
- 11. 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 0.9894 ha.
- 12. 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.
- 13. The period of diversion under this approval shall be for a period of 20 years.
- 14. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/).
- 15. 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.
- 16. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF&CC Guideline F.No.11-42/2017-FC dated 29/01/2018.
- 17. The State Government and user agency shall comply the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, NGT order & Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.

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. The forest land shall not be transferred to the User Agency prior to the issue of final approval.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr.Avinash.M.Kanfade

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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- 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, 18th 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, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003.
- 4. The Executive Engineer, Karnataka Urban Water Supply and Drainage Board, Hassan Division, Near Engineers Association Building, Hassan 573 201 (Karnataka).

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