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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 0.98 ha. of forest land in F.Sy. No. 1492A/1A, Gokarna village Gokarna Hobli, Kumta Taluk, Uttara Kannada District (Honnar Forest Division) for establishment of Faecal Sludge Treatment Plant in favour of the Panchayath Development Officer, Gram Panchayat, Gokarna -reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government's letter No. FEE 04 FLL 2021 (e) dated 02/02/2021 and 06/01/2022 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 17/02/2022. 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 diversion of 0.98 ha. of forest land in F.Sy. No. 1492A/1A, Gokarna village Gokarna Hobli, Kumta Taluk, Uttara Kannada District (Honnar Forest Division) for establishment of Faecal Sludge Treatment Plant in favour of the Panchayath Development Officer, Gram Panchayat, Gokarna, 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 User Agency shall transfer online, the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted under this proposal, as per the guideline issued by Ministry vide letter No.5-3/2011-FC (Vol-I) dated 06/01/2022. The requisite funds shall be transferred through online portal into CAMPA account of the State Concerned.
2. Cost of raising plantation (including ten years maintenance) of ten times number of trees to be felled shall be realized from user agency towards compensatory afforestation.
3. Location of the area (map with DGPS coordinates) identified for raising the plantations shall be furnished along with compliance report.
4. 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.
5. The KML file of the area diverted and CA plantation (ten times no. of trees to be felled) shall be uploaded on the e-green watch portal with all requisite details and same shall be submitted along with compliance report.
6. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).
7. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost as per the directions of concerned Divisional Forest Officer.

8. 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.

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. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. A Monitoring Committee shall be constituted comprising of Assistant Conservator of Forest having jurisdiction as Chairman, jurisdictional Tahsildar and Panchayat Development Officer (PDO) as Members, to monitor the project with following terms of reference;
 - i. The committee shall ensure that all the stipulated conditions are complied with and surrounding forest area is not utilized for dumping of waste.
 - ii. The committee shall ensure that there is no adverse impact of the project on the surrounding forest area.
 - iii. In case of violation, the Committee and State Forest Department shall take necessary action and report the violation to IRO, MoEF&CC, Bengaluru
 - iv. The monitoring committee shall submit six monthly report to IRO, MoEF&CC Bengaluru.
3. 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.
4. Tree felling shall be restricted to the barest minimum possible and under confirmation from the local forest officials.
5. The user agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986 and EIA notifications issued thereunder.
6. The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.
7. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.98 ha.
8. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
9. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
10. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
11. 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.
12. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
13. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
14. The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will also monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area.
15. 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
16. 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 effected till final approval is granted by the Central 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, this in-principle approval shall be revoked after 5 years.

Yours faithfully,

(B.N.Anjan Kumar)


Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bangalore – 560 003.
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3. The Panchayath Development Officer, Gram Panchayat, Gokarna, Kumta Taluk, Uttara Kannada -581 326.
4. Guard file.

(B.N.Anjan Kumar)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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25/2/2022

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