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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 18.6 ha. of forest land in Sy.No.36, Bommavara village and Sy.No.124 of Akkupete village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District for construction of the Rail Depot under Bengaluru-Sub-Urban Rail Project (BSRP) in favour of the Manager, Rail Infrastructure Development Company (Karnataka) Ltd, Samparka Soudha, 1st Floor, Opp. Orion Mall, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar 1st Block, Bengaluru -560 010. (Online Proposal No. FP/KA/RAIL/142190/2021) -reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government's letter No. FEE 252 FLL 2024 (e) dated 04/11/2024 and 17/10/2025 seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section '2(1)' of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for the above project.

The proposal was examined by the Regional Empowered Committee constituted under Rule 6 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 in its meeting held on 24.10.2025.

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 **18.6 ha.** of forest land in Sy.No.36, Bommavara village and Sy.No.124 of Akkupete village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District for construction of the Rail Depot under Bengaluru-Sub-Urban Rail Project (BSRP) in favour of the Manager, Rail Infrastructure Development Company (Karnataka) Ltd, Samparka Soudha, 1st Floor, Opp. Orion Mall, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar 1st Block, Bengaluru -560 010, subject to the following conditions:-

1. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.

2. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, forward and back bearing and distance from pillar to pillar.
3. The non-forest land identified for Compensatory Afforestation (CA) i.e. 18.61 ha. at Sy.No.65, Sasulu village, Sasulu Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District shall be transferred and mutated in favour of Forest Department. A copy of the original mutation details may be submitted along with the compliance report.
4. The User Agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the compensatory afforestation over an extent 37.20 ha. of degraded forest land at Survey Nos 73 of Thimmanapalli village & 77 of Kurapalli village, Nelavanki Hobli, Srinivaspura Taluk, Kolar District at the current wage rate in consultation with State Forest Department in the account of CAMPA of the concerned State through online portal.
5. The Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised over an extent of 37.20 ha. of degraded forest land identified by State Forest Department at Survey Nos 73 of Thimmanapalli village & 77 of Kurapalli village, Nelavanki Hobli, Srinivaspura Taluk, Kolar District Forest within 2 years from date on final approval and maintained thereafter by the State Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency and at least 1000 plants per hectare shall be planted.
6. **A site-specific CA scheme for both the non-forest land and degraded forest land shall be provided to ensure that the CA plantation is successfully raised.**
7. **The User Agency in consultation with the State Forest department shall take up the translocation of important tree species such as *Dalbergia latifolia*, which are present in the area proposed for diversion on an experimental basis at its cost. The Tree Translocation Plan prepared in consultation with the Forest Department shall be submitted along with Stage-I compliance report.**
8. **The User Agency/State Forest Department shall furnish an undertaking to the effect that the kuccha road/temporary cart road present in the identified non-forest land for the purpose of CA shall be closed.**
9. 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 and as per the provision of Chapter 3 of the consolidated Guidelines and Clarification issued vide MoEF&CC order dated 29.12.2023.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. The KML file of the forest area to be diverted and CA area (Both NFL and

- DFL) shall be uploaded on the e-green watch portal with all requisite details and the GPS id of the E-Green watch portal shall be submitted along with compliance report.
13. The 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.
 14. The State Government shall ensure controlled speed limit if the trains passing through the forest portion to enable the trains drivers to react to the sudden appearance of the wild animals on the track. As and when required speed of train shall be regulated in consultation with Chief Wildlife Warden of the State Government.
 15. The designing of culverts/bridges, if any, over the natural streams/rivers/canals should be done in such a manner that it does not hamper the natural course of water, does not give rise to water-logging, and also does not hamper movement of wild animals.
 16. The user agency will provide retaining walls, breast walls and drainage as per requirement to make the slope stable.
 17. The User agency, if required, will undertake comprehensive soil conservation measures in the area being diverted at the project cost in consultation with the State Forest Department.
 18. The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the project life.
 19. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
 20. No additional or new paths will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
 21. Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.
 22. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
 23. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 18.6 ha. The user agency shall furnish the undertaking to this effect.
 24. 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;
 25. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
 26. The user agency in consultation with the State Government shall create and maintain alternate habitat/home for the avifauna, whose nesting trees are to be cleared in this project. Bird's nests artificially made out of eco-friendly material shall be used in the area, including forest area and human settlements, adjoining the forest area being diverted for the project.
 27. User Agency shall obtain the Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
 28. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
 29. 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.

30. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).
31. The user agency shall comply with 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.
32. The conditions required to be adhered under the Forests Right Act, 2006 as per the guidelines issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 shall be strictly complied with.
33. 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.
34. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed under the Act, Rules and Guidelines relevant.

After receipt of the compliance report on the fulfilment of the conditions mentioned above, the proposal shall be considered for final approval under section '2(1)' of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. Transfer of forest land shall not be effected till final approval is granted by the 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 within 5 years, the in-principle approval may be revoked by the Central Government.

Yours faithfully,

(Praneetha Paul)
Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

1. The Chief Executive Officer, National Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority, Ministry of Environment Forests & Climate Change, 3rd Floor (Front Portion), Supreme Court Metro Station Building (Line-3), New Delhi-110 001.
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5. The Chief Executive Officer, State CAMPA, O/o Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan,

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