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To

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Karnataka
 Forest, Ecology & Environment Department,
 M.S. Building, Dr.Ambedkar Veedhi,
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Subject: Diversion of 12.1801 ha. of forest land in F.Sy.No.17 (new Sy.No.20) of Ittigehalli village, Holehonnur Hobli, Bhadravathi Taluk, Shimoga District (Bhadravathi Forest Division) for construction of new tank with check dam & connectivity road for recharge of ground water in surrounding villages of Ittigehalli in favour of the Executive Engineer, Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Ltd (KNNL) No.3, Bhadra Canal Division, Malebennur. (Online Proposal No. FP/KA/WATER/146299/2021) -reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letters No. FEE 123 FLL 2022 (e) dated 13/10/2022 and 21/02/2023 seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in respect of the above project. The in-principle (Stage-I) approval to the project was accorded by the Central Government vide letter of even number dated 3rd March, 2023. The State Government vide letter No. FEE 123 FLL 2020 (e) dated 13/08/2025 and 19/12/2025 (**received online on 13/01/2026**) has reported compliance to the conditions stipulated by the Central Government in the in-principle approval.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am directed to convey Central Government's final approval (**Stage-II**) under Section '2(1)' of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of **12.1801 ha.** of forest land in F.Sy.No.17 (new Sy.No.20) of Ittigehalli village, Holehonnur Hobli, Bhadravathi Taluk, Shimoga District (Bhadravathi Forest Division) for construction of new tank with check dam & connectivity road for recharge of ground water in surrounding villages of Ittigehalli in favour of the Executive Engineer, Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Ltd (KNNL) No.3, Bhadra Canal Division, Malebennur, subject to the following conditions:-

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.

2. 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.
3. Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised over an equal extent of non-forest land identified in Sy.No.43, Gudmaghatta village, Holehonnur Hobli, Bhadravathi Taluk, Shimoga District, within two years from the date of Stage –II Clearance 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 over identified non forest land within two years of grant of final approval. If the identified non forest land does not support planting of 1000 plants per hectare, then remaining plants needs to be planted in the degraded forest land identified in Sy.No.16 of Shringarabhag village, Bullanayakahalli RF, Basavanapattana Hobli, Channagiri Taluk, Davanagere District as per working plan prescriptions.
4. The State Government shall upload the KML file of the forest area diverted and CA area (both NFL & DFL) on the e-green watch portal with all requisite details.
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 the user agency
6. Tree felling shall be restricted to bare minimum in the submergence area.
7. Suitable trees shall be planted at available spaces in the diverted area, especially along the bund.
8. Only temporary road shall be constructed for the purpose of construction of proposed tank and its future maintenance.
9. After construction of the tank, proper gate / fencing shall be provided to avoid the encroachment of adjacent forest area.
10. Fencing shall be carried out all along the boundary of the proposed tank to avoid the encroachment / movement of livestock.
11. 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.
12. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
13. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
14. 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.
15. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal. If the forest land is not been put to use for the specified purpose, it would be resumed back for forest activities by the Forest Department.
16. 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.
17. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
18. User Agency shall obtain the Environmental Clearance as per the provisions

of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.

19. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
20. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 12.1801 ha.
21. The concerned Divisional Forest Officer will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area.
22. 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, Bengaluru by the end of March every year.
23. Any other condition that the Central Government may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forest and Wildlife.
24. 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.
25. The State Govt. shall ensure that the complete compliance of FRA 2006 as per the rule 11 (7) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules 2023.
26. 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.

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.
3. The Inspector General of Forests (ROHQ Division), Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Agni Wing, Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi – 110 003.
4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bengaluru – 560 003.
5. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (VSESA) /Nodal Officer (VSESA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bengaluru – 560 003.
6. The Chief Executive Officer, State CAMPA, office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003.
7. The Executive Engineer, Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Ltd (KNNL) No.3, Bhadra Canal Division, Malebennur, Davanagere District -577 530. Karnataka.

8. Guard file.