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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 4.206 ha. (revised from 3.61 ha.) of forest land in Chilandavadi RF, Muguru SF and Bilikal SF for providing drinking water supply for Kodihalli and 298 habitations under DBOT in Kanakapura taluk of Ramanagara District in favour of the Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Department, Ramanagara. (Proposal No. FP/KA/WATER/39356/2019) -reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letters No. FEE 53 FLL 2021 (e) dated 10/08/2021, 06/06/2022 and 28/08/2023 seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section '2(1)' of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 in respect of the above project. The in-principle (Stage-I) approval to the project was accorded by the Central Government on 25th September, 2023. The State Government vide letters FEE 53 FLL 2021 (e) dated 29/07/2025 and 27/02/2026 have 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) Adhinyam, 1980 for diversion of **4.206 ha.** (revised from 3.61 ha.) of forest land in Chilandavadi RF, Muguru SF and Bilikal SF for providing drinking water supply for Kodihalli and 298 habitations under DBOT in Kanakapura taluk of Ramanagara District in favour of the Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Department, Ramanagara, 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. The Non forest land identified for CA land i.e. 4.37 ha in sy. no. 13 Veerasandra village, Ramanagara District shall be notified as protected forest under Indian Forest Act 1927(16 of 1927) or local Act.
4. Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised over Degraded forest land identified at Sy. No. 1 of Veerasandra village, Sangam Wildlife Range, Dodda Alalli section, Veerasandra Beat, Adnare Bayalu Forest area, 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.
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. The KML file of the area diverted and CA area shall be uploaded on the e-green watch portal with all requisite details before issue of final approval by the State Government
7. The conditions stipulated by the Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife in its 73rd meeting held on 17th July, 2023 shall be strictly complied with.
8. Tree felling shall be restricted to the barest minimum possible and under confirmation from the local forest officials.
9. 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.
10. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
11. No additional or new paths will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
12. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
13. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 4.206 ha.
14. 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;
15. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
16. User Agency shall obtain the Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
17. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
18. The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government and Regional Office, Bengaluru by the end of March every year.
19. 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.
20. 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.

21. 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..
22. 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,

(Yasodha K)

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.
2. 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.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bengaluru – 560 003.
4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (CAMPA), O/o PCCF (CAMPA), 1st Floor, 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 Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Department, Zilla Panchayat Office, Mysore Road, Ramanagara -562 159.
7. Guard file.