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**BY SPEED POST**

F.No.4-KRB 1061/2015-BAN/ 17

Dated the 14th March, 2023

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 0.7527 ha. (Gadag Division 0.4927 ha. and Bagalkote Division 0.26 ha.) of forest land in Sy.No.44, Bommasagar Village, Ron Tq. Gadag District and in Sy.No.189- Belur, Sy.No.18- Jalihal, Sy.No.3- Chikkanasabi villages in Badami Taluk, Bagalkot District for construction of Water Treatment Plant, Master Balancing Reservoir and laying of pipeline for Multi Village Water Supply Scheme to Sarjapur and other 16 villages, Ron Taluk, Gadag District - reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No.FEE 41 FLL 2015 dated 30.06.2015 & online proposal submitted by State Government vide proposal No.FP/KA/WATER/8136/2014 dated 17/08/2015 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 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2015. The State Government vide letter No.FEE 41 FLL 2015 dated 12/08/2021 and 31/10/2022 have reported compliance to the conditions stipulated by the Central Government in the in-principle approval. The National Authority vide letter No.1-7/2019-NA dated 13/03/2023 has confirmed the receipt of payment made by User Agency through offline mode.

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' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of **0.7527 ha.** (Gadag Division 0.4927 ha. and Bagalkote Division 0.26 ha.) of forest land in Sy.No.44, Bommasagar Village, Ron Tq. Gadag District and in Sy.No.189- Belur, Sy.No.18- Jalihal, Sy.No.3- Chikkanasabi villages in Badami Taluk, Bagalkot District for construction of Water Treatment Plant, Master Balancing Reservoir and laying of pipeline for Multi Village Water Supply Scheme to Sarjapur and other 16 villages, Ron Taluk, Gadag District, subject to the following conditions:-

**A. Conditions which need to be complied prior to issue of final approval by**



**State Government and handing over of forest land to User Agency:**

1. The State Government shall upload the KML file of the forest area diverted and degraded forest land identified to an extent of 1 ha for the purpose of raising CA on the e-green watch portal with all requisite details.

**B. Conditions which need to be complied after handing over of forest land to the User Agency by the State Government:**

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. Demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of user agency.
3. Penal Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised over 1.0 ha. of the identified degraded forest land, within three 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 degraded forest land within three years of grant of final approval.
4. The 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 User Agency and the same shall be transferred to the designated CAMPA Account.
5. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
6. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
7. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
8. No additional or new permanent paths will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
9. 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 0.7527 ha.
10. 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.
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. 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.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. 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.
16. 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

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this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.

Yours faithfully,



(B.N.Anjan Kumar)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

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2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18<sup>th</sup> Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FC) /Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18<sup>th</sup> Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003.
4. The Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Division, Gadag District.
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