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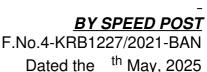
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To

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Karnataka,

Forest, Ecology & Environment Department, M.S.Building, Dr.Ambedkar Veedhi, Bangalore – 560 001.

Subject: Diversion of 0.789 ha. of forest land in Sy.No. 130, 131 & 132, Angodu village, Angodu Hobli, Davangere Taluk and District for laying of Underground MS Water pipeline (Raising Main) from CH:36.225 to CH:37.550 parallel to NH-48 under Bharamasagara Lift Irrigation Scheme for filling 42 tanks in Bharamasagara Hobli, Chitradurga Taluk and District in favour of the Executive Engineer, Karnataka Neeravari Nigama Ltd (KNNL), Davanagere. (Online Proposal No. FP/KA/Pipeline/44313/2020) -reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No.FEE 93 FLL 2020 (e) dated 15/01/2021 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 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2021. The State Government vide letter No. FEE 93 FLL 2020 (e) dated 22/04/2025 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 **0.789 ha.** of forest land in Sy.No. 130, 131 & 132, Angodu village, Angodu Hobli, Davangere Taluk and District for laying of Underground MS Water pipeline (Raising Main) from CH:36.225 to CH:37.550 parallel to NH-48 under Bharamasagara Lift

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Irrigation Scheme for filling 42 tanks in Bharamasagara Hobli, Chitradurga Taluk and District in favour of the Executive Engineer, Karnataka Neeravari Nigama Ltd (KNNL), Davanagere, 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 demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS co-ordinates.
- 3. Tree felling shall be restricted to the barest minimum possible and under confirmation from the local forest officials.
- 4. Compensatory Afforestation shall be carried out on land identified by the State Forest department (i.e. sy. No. 133 of Anagdu village, Anaodu Sec-4 area) within 2 years of grant of final approval. Planting will be carried out in one block for easy maintenance and monitoring.
- 5. The KML file of the area diverted and CA plantation (ten times the no. of trees to be felled) shall be uploaded on the e-green watch portal with all requisite details before issue of final approval by the State Government.
- 6. 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.
- 7. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- 8. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
- 9. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
- 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. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.789 ha.
- 13. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
- 14. 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.
- 15. 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.
- 16. As the proposed land is vulnerable to soil erosion, necessary erosion control measures needs to be undertaken by the User Agency in consultation with the local forest authorities, the cost of which would be borne by the User Agency.
- 17. 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.
- 18. Any other condition that the Central Government may stipulate from time to

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- time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forest and Wildlife.
- 19. 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.
- 20. 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..
- 21. 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.
- 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, 18<sup>th</sup> Cross, Malleswaram, Bengaluru 560 003.
- The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (VSESA) /Nodal Officer (VSESA),
   Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department,
   Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18<sup>th</sup> Cross, Malleswaram, Bengaluru –
   560 003.
- 5. The Executive Engineer, Karnataka Neeravari Nigama Ltd (KNNL), No. 5, Bhadra Canal Division, Hadadi Road, Davanagere -577 005.
- 6. Guard file.