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The Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Karnataka,
 Forest, Ecology & Environment Department,
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**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.-reg
 (Online Proposal No. FP/KA/RAIL/142190/2021)**

Sir,

Please refer 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) Adhinyam, 1980 for the above project. The in-principle (Stage-I) approval to the project was accorded by the Central Government vide letter of even number dated 28th October, 2025. The State Government vide letter No. FEE/252/FLL/2024 (e) dated 31/03/2026 and 16.05.2026 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) Adhinyam, 1980 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 BengaluruSub-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, 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, forward and back bearing and distance from pillar to pillar.
3. The non-forest land transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department i.e. 18.61 ha. at Sy.No.65, Sasulu village, Sasulu Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District shall be notified by the State Government as Protected Forests under Section- 29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or under the relevant section(s) of the local Forest Act.
4. 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.
5. 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.
7. The User Agency/State Forest Department shall ensure that the kuccha road/temporary cart road present in the identified non-forest land for the purpose of CA shall be closed as per the undertaking submitted.
8. Tree felling shall be restricted to the barest minimum possible and under confirmation from the local forest officials.
9. The KML file of the area diverted and CA plantation (Both NFL and DFL) shall be uploaded on the e-green watch portal with all requisite details before issue of final approval by the State Government.
10. 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.
11. The State Government shall ensure controlled speed limit when the trains pass through the forest areas, to enable the trains drivers to react to the sudden appearance of the wild animals on the track. The speed of trains shall be regulated in consultation with Chief Wildlife Warden of the State Government.
12. 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.
13. The user agency will provide retaining walls, breast walls and drainage as per requirement to make the slope stable.
14. 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.

15. The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the project life.
16. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
17. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
18. 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.
19. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
20. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 18.6 ha.
21. 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.
22. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
23. 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.
24. User Agency shall obtain the Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
25. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
26. 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.
27. 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.
28. 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.
29. 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.
30. 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.
31. 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, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bengaluru – 560 003.
4. 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, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bengaluru – 560 003.
5. 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.
6. The Manager, Rail Infrastructure Development Company (Karnataka) Ltd, Samparka Soudha, 1st Floor, Opp. Orion Mall, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar 1st Block, Bengaluru -560 010.
7. Guard file.