

Proceedings of the Government of Karnataka

Sub: Diversion of 0.29 hectare of forest land in Gulooru Village Sy.No.148, Kasaba Hobli, Maddur Taluk, Mandya District for construction of Water Treatment Plant, laying of Pipeline and Approach Road for Water Supply Scheme to Koppa and 49 other villages in Maddur Taluk in favour of the Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Division, Mandya.

Read:

- 1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force)'s letter No.KFD/HoFF/A5-3(GFL)/3/2020-FC, Dated:22-01-2021.
- 2. Government of Karnataka Letter No: FEE 15 FLL 2021, Dated:12.04.2021.
- 3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation) & Nodal officer (FCA)'s letter No. KFD/HoFF/A5-3(GFL)/3/2020-FC, Dated:18-11-2022.

Preamble:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) Bengaluru vide letter read (1) above has submitted the proposal to obtain Stage-I approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for District for construction of Water Treatment Plant, laying of Pipeline and Approach Road Maddur Taluk, Mandya Scheme to Koppa and 49 other villages in Maddur Taluk for Water Supply diversion of 0.29 hectare of forest land in Gulooru Village Sy.No.148, Kasaba Hobli, in favour of the Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Division, Mandya.

The State Government has accorded Stage-1 approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 by stipulating certain conditions vide letter read at (2) above.

The Principal Chief Conservator e has sent proposal of Forests (Forest Conservation) & Nodal Officer (FCA) Bengaluru vide letter read at (3) ab ov along with the compliance laid down vide letter read at (2) and requested to accord Stage-II approval by Stipulating Certain Conditions.

The proposal has been examined in detail and hence the order.

Government Order No. FEE 15 FLL 2021 Bengaluru, <u>Dated:02-02-2023</u>

In the circumstances as explained in the preamble above, the Government is pleased to accord Stage-II approval for diversion of 0.29 hectare of forest land in Gulooru Village Sy.No.148, Kasaba Hobli, Maddur Taluk, Mandya Scheme to Koppa and 49 other villages in Maddur Taluk in favour of the Executive Engineer, District for construction of Water Treatment Plant, laying of Pipeline and Approach Road for Water Supply Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Division, Mandya subject to the fulfilment of following conditions:

- 1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged and it shall continue to be Forest land.
- 2. The User agency shall pay the applicable Net Present Value (NPV), Compensatory Plantation cost of extraction of tress (if any), Land lease rent and any other levis as per the conditions of approval.
- 3. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests.
- 4. The Lessee shall not sub-lease mortgage & hypothecate the forest area.
- 5. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the Deputy Commissioner.
- 6. The pipeline shall be laid down 1.5 meter below the ground and after lying down of pipe line the ground will be levelled.
- 7. User Agency shall obtain Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
- 8. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- 9. 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.
- 10. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than specified in the project proposal.
- 11. The application for renewal of the lease in the prescribed form and manner shall be submitted at least six months prior to the expiry of forest lease. In case no renewal is sought, the Lessee shall hand over the lease.
- 12. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of central Government.
- 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. 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 0.29 ha.
- 15. In case the land is not used for the stipulated purpose within two years or when it is no longer needed for the stipulated purpose, the area would stand resumed to the Forest Department.
- 16. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Government of India.
- 17. The period of diversion under this approval shall be 20 Years or the project life, whichever is less.
- 18. No residential or commercial building shall be permitted in the forest area proposed for diversion.

- 19. No/crushing/breaking of stones or labour camp shall be allowed on forest land and all waste/debris generated shall be scientifically disposed off outside the forest area.
- 20. Any damage to forest area because of implementation of the proposal shall be compensated by the Lessee. The extent of damage shall be assessed by the jurisdiction Chief/Conservator of Forests/Deputy Conservator of Forests.
- 21. The Lessee shall ensure that no avoidable harm is caused to the fauna and flora in and around the proposed area.
- 22. Any other condition that in the interest the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.
- 23. Violation of conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action any of these would be taken as per the MoEF&CC Guideline F.No. 11-42/2017-FC dated: 29/01/2018.
- 24. The Forest, Guidelines, Department and user agency shall comply the provisions of all the Acts, Rules, Regulations NGT order and Hon'ble Court order(s) pertaining to this project, if any for the time being in force as applicable to the project.

Yours faithfully

(M. MANJUNATHA)

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Forest, Ecology and Environment Department (Forest-C)

To,

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- 2. The Accountant General (Audit I and II)/Accounts), Karnataka, Bengaluru.
- 3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Aranya Bhavan, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru 560 003.
- 4. The Deputy Director General of Forests(Central), Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Integrated Regional office, Kendriya Sadana, 4th floor, E and F Wing, 17th main, Koramangala, Bengaluru-560 034.
- 5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation) and Nodal Officer (FCA), Aranya Bhavan, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru- 560 003.
- 6. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Mysore Circle, Mysore.
- 7. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Mandya Division.
- 8. Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Division, Mandya.
- 9. SGF/Spare Copies.