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To

The Chief Conservator of Forests Mangaluru Circle, Mangaluru

Sub: Diversion of 1.2411 hectare (*revised from 0.1176 ha*) of forest land in Hebri village Sy No. 190 & 214, Ajekaru Hobli, Karkala Taluk, Udupi District for laying of 11 KV HT Express line (AB covered conductor cable) from Hebri MUSS to Varanga passing through Jarvattu Kadu RF and along with PWD road in favour of the Executive Engineer (Electrical), O & M Division, Mangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited (MESCOM), Udupi

## Proposal No. FP/KA/TRANS/43222/2019 [FORM-A]

- **Ref:** 1. This office letter of even number dated 15-06-2021 [seeking Stage-I approval]
  - **2.** Government of Karnataka letter No. FEE 42 FFM 2021 (e) dated 18-08-2021 [seeking Stage-I approval] and 17-09-2021[communication of Government of India EDS Query]
  - **3.** Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Bengaluru letter No.4-KRB1312/2021-BAN/603 dated 14-09-2021 [EDS query]

With reference to the above subject, this office vide Ref (1) has submitted the above mentioned proposal to Government of Karnataka seeking '*in-principle*'(Stage-I) approval under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Accordingly, the Government of Karnataka vide Ref (2) letter dated 18-08-2021 had submitted the proposal to Government of India for seeking Stage-I approval.

In response, Government of India vide Ref (3) has raised EDS query seeking clarification and information on the following three points (copy enclosed). The same has been communicated by Government of Karnataka vide Ref (2) letter dated 17-09-2021.

- a. Details of alternatives examined and reasons for the rejection
- b. Copy of the land documents showing legal status of land identified for Compensatory Afforestation as forest or under the ownership of Karnataka Forest Department.

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c. As per the Eco-Sensitive Zone Notification of Someshwara Wildlife Sanctuary, Hebri village comes under the ESZ of Someshwara Wildlife Sanctuary. Therefore, State Government may verify if any portion of the proposed area falls within the ESZ or Protected area. If so, the comments and mitigation measures of Chief Wildife Warden may be furnished.

Therefore, you are directed to submit clarification/information sought by Government of India after obtaining the same from the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Kundapura and User Agency. The online link is transferred to you for further transfer of the same to the User Agency through Deputy Conservator of Forests, Kundapura Division.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation) and Nodal Officer (FCA)

Copy along with copy of Government of India letter communicated for information and necessary action to:

- 1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) and Chief Wildlife warden, Aranya Bhavan, Bengaluru
- 2. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Kundapura Division, Kundapura.
- **3.** Executive Engineer, MESCOM, O & M Division, MESCOM, Maruthi Veethika, Udupi 576 101.