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E-88119 Date 22-10-2021

The Chief Conservator of Forests, Mangaluru Circle, Mangaluru

Sub: Diversion of 2.5315 hectare of forest land in Rekhya village, Mangaluru District for Four laying of Addahole (near Gundya) (existing chainage KM 263 + 000, Design Chainage KM 255+140) to Bantwal Cross in favour of Project Director, Project Implementation Unit (PIU), National Highway Authority of India (NHAI), Mangaluru.

Proposal No. FP/KA/ROAD/120467/2021/FORM-A]

Ref:

- 1. This office letter of even No. dated 07-08-2021 [seeking stage-I approval]
- 2. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Bengaluru letter No.4-KRB1313/2021-BAN/692 dated 28-09-2021 [EDS query]
- **3.** Government of Karnataka Online EDS query dated 07-10-2021 [communication of Government of India EDS Query]

With reference to the above subject, this office vide Ref (1) had submitted the above mentioned proposal to Government of Karnataka for seeking 'in principle' (Stage-I) approval under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. In response, the Government of India vide Ref (2) has raised EDS query seeking clarification and information on the following five points (copy enclosed). Accordingly, Government of Karnataka vide Ref (3) has communicated the same to this office.

- a. On examination of the KML files uploaded in the online portal, certain stretches of the proposed area comes under the existing ROW. Therefore, the same may be verified and proper KML files may be uploaded in the online portal.
- b. As per the site inspection report of DCF, Mangaluru Division, an extent of 2.744 ha in Sy. No. 69/P of Rekhya village diverted earlier has not been utilized by the User Agency after removal of tress. This unutilized forest land may be resumed by forest department.

- c. The newly proposed Wildlife Mitigation strategy, i.e construction of Elephant overpass duly approved by the Chief Wildlife Warden may be provided
- d. As per the DSS analysis of the degraded forest land proposed for CA, it is observed that the proposed area is having dense and moderate dense forest. It may be clarified as to whether the identified land is suitable for plating a minimum of 1000 tress per ha a stipulated in the FC guidelines.
- e. Condition wise compliance report for the final approval accorded by this office vide letter No. 4-KRC1074/2015 dated 8th August, 2017 for diversion of 33.18 ha i.e 32.69 ha of forest land in Mangaluru Division for laning of Addahole (near Gundaya) (Existing Km 263.000) to Bantwala Cross (Existing Km328.000) section & 0.49 ha forest land in Hassan Division from Hassan to (Existing Km 189.7000) to Maranahally (Existing Km 237.000) section of NH-75 in favour of Project Director, NHAI, Bengaluru

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

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

Copy along with copy of Government of India/Karnataka letters communicated for information and necessary action to:

- 1. Deputy Conservators of Forests, Mangaluru Division for information
- 2. Project Director&DGM(T), National Highway Authority of India, Project Implementation Unit, Door No.3-29, Bethel, Tharethota, near Pumpwell, NH-66, Mangaluru-575 005.