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Office of the  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Forest Force)



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To,

The Chief Conservator of Forests  
Hassan Circle, Hassan

**Sub:** Diversion of 14.017 ha of forest land in Sy.No.69 of Seebi village, Sy.No.11 & 15 of Chikkaseebi village, Sy.No.36 of Seebi Agrahara Village, all in Sira Taluk and Sy.No.9, 27 & 28 of Thimmarajanahalli village, Tumakuru Taluk and District for laying new Broad Gauge Line between Tumakuru and Davanagere via Sira, Hiriyur and Chitradurga in favour of the Deputy Chief Engineer, North II, Construction, South-Western Railway, Bengaluru.

**Proposal No.FP/KA/RAIL/22897/2016**

- Ref:** 1. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Regional office (Southern Zone), Bengaluru letter F.No.4-KRC1209/2019-BAN/931 dated 16-09-2019 [EDS Query]  
2. Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru letter No FEE 08 FLL 2019 dated 09-10-2019 & 30-08-2019 [communication of EDS Query]

The Government of India through EDS Query (Ref-1; copy enclosed) has sought certain clarification/ additional information on the certain points in respect of the abovementioned proposal. The Government of Karnataka vide Ref (2) has also communicated the said EDS Query to this office for necessary action. The details are as following.

- As per the Guidelines issued under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, any proposal for linear projects such as roads, railway line, transmission line etc need to be processed in its entirety for Compressive assessment of requirement of forest land and Consequences if approval for any forest land is not granted. As the project falls in two other districts also i.e., Davanagere and Chitradurga, it may be clarified whether any diversion of forest land is involved in these districts.
- As per the report of Chief Conservator of Forests, Hassan Circle, the proposed area cuts through important wildlife corridor. Therefore, the mitigation measures as approved by the CWLW may be furnished.

Therefore, you are requested to obtain the above clarification/documents from the User Agency through Deputy Conservator of Forests and submit the same after due verification to this office in hard copy (three ink-signed sets) as well as through online reply to the EDS query.

Chief Conservator of Forests  
Chief Conservator of Forest  
(Forest Conservation)  
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Copy [along with copy of letter at ref (1)] to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Tumukuru Division, Tumukuru for information and necessary action as stated above.

Copy communicated to the Deputy Conservators of Forests, Davanagere / Chitradurga Divisions for information and **with a request to verify the facts in respect of abovementioned Point no. (i) on receipt of the complete alignment of the proposed BG railway line from the Deputy Chief Engineer, North-II, Construction, SW Railway, Bengaluru and furnish the required information.**

Copy [along with copy of letter at ref (1)] to the Deputy Chief Engineer, North-II, Construction, SW Railway, No.18, Millers Road, Bengaluru Cantonment, Bengaluru for information and necessary action. **The information / documents may please be uploaded in the web portal after obtaining the link from the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Tumakuru Division. Further, the complete alignment of the proposed BG railway line along with the list of villages involved in Davanagere and Chitradurga Districts may also be provided to the DCF, Davanagere and Chitradurga Division, for verification in respective Divisions.**