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To,

The Chief Conservator of Forests
Mangaluru Circle, Mangaluru

Sub: Ex post facto approval for diversion of 2.5766 hectare of forest land in Bola village, Kasaba Hobli, Karkala Taluk, Udupi District (Kundapur Forest Division) for construction of 400 KV DC line with Quad Moose ACSR for a route length of 179.85 km from Nandikur Generation Station to 400/200 KV Receiving Station at Shantigrama village in Hassan District in favour of Executive Engineer, Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL), 400 KV Transmission line Works Division, Bannanje, Udupi

Proposal No. FP/KA/TRANS/36286/2018 [FORM-A]

- Ref:**
1. This office letter of even number dated 13-07-2022 [Seeking Stage-I approval]
 2. Government of Karnataka letter No. FEE 93 FLL 2020 (e) dated 15-09-2022 [Seeking Stage-I approval] and 10-11-2022 [communication of GOI letter dated 13-10-2022]
 3. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Bengaluru letter F.No. 4-KRB1375/2022-BAN 807 dated 13-10-2022 [EDS query]

With reference to the above subject, this office vide Ref (1) has submitted the compliance report to Government of Karnataka for seeking Stage-I approval under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The Government of Karnataka vide Ref (2) has forwarded the proposal to Government of India for seeking stage-I approval.

In response, Government of India vide Ref (3) has sought following clarification (copy enclosed).

- a. There is contradiction with respect to justification submitted by the User Agency for obtaining ex posto approval and the observations of the PCCF (HoFF) in his forwarding letter dated 13-07-2022. The User Agency states that the original alignment was finalized in consultation

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with officials of Forest Department and accordingly approval for diversion of 172.53 was sought. The forest area sought for ex-posto facto approval was not included earlier in the original proposal as it was mistaken as Government land by Forest Department officials. However, PCCF (HoFF) observes that the user agency has altered the alignment from previously proposed FC diversion and violated the F(C)Act, 1980. Therefore, clarification/factual report on the violation may be furnished.

- b. The map showing original alignment of transmission proposed at the time of granting approval for diversion of 172.53 ha forest land and changed/alterd alignment may be furnished.
- c. As per the original approval granted under F(c) Act, 1980, 95.74 ha of forest land was approved for diversion in Kundapur Forest Diversion. It may be clarified whether any extent of approved area is kept unutilized due to change in alignment as reported by PCCF (HoFF).
- d. Whether any FOC has been booked against user agency for illegal cutting of trees in the proposed forest land.
- e. Details of trees already felled in the forest area proposed for ex-post fact approval.
- f. While according final approval for diversion of 172.53 ha forest land for construction of 400 KV DC line from Nandikur (Udupi) generating station to 400/220 KV receiving station at Shantigrama (Hassan), it was stipulated that monitoring committee under Chairmanship of PCCF (HoFF) will be constituted for monitoring the compliance of conditions. It is therefore requested to furnish the reports of the monitoring committee in compliance to the said condition.

Therefore, **you are directed to submit clarification/information sought by Government of India after obtaining the same from the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Kundapura Division 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.

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 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. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Kundapura Division, Kundapura.
2. Executive Engineer, Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL), 400 KV Transmission line Works Division, Bannanje, Udupi.

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