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EDS Query

Urgent

To,

The Chief Conservator of Forests

Kanara Circle, Sirsi

Sub: Diversion of 2.632 hectare of forest land in Khurse village F.Sy No. 103, Sampakhanda Hobli, Sirsi Taluk, Uttara Kannada District (Sirsi Forest Division) for establishing Stone Quarry for exclusive use of National Highway project in favour of the M/s RNS Infrastructure Limited, Bengaluru

Proposal No. FP/KA/QR/39019/2019

- Ref:** 1. Online submission of PART-II on 19-07-2019 by Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sirsi Division [Letter No. A3/GFL/Land/Khursre/CLUP/CR-13/2019-20 dated 19-07-2019]
2. Online submission of PART-III on 05-10-2019 by Chief Conservator of Forests, Kanara Circle, Sirsi [Letter No. B2/GFL/CR-12/2019-20 dated 04-10-2019]

The proposal (PART-I, II & III) received in this office vide Ref (2) has been examined. However, the following issues in **PART-II** of the proposal need clarification / rectification before submission to Government of Karnataka.

PART-II Item No. and Particulars	Observation / Action to be taken
Item 4(ii) Species-wise local/scientific names and girth-wise enumeration of trees	A list of total 1602 trees in various girth classes present the forest land proposed for diversion have been uploaded. However, the number of trees is at variance with the information contained in the Site Inspection Reports dated 09-07-2019 of DCF, Sirsi Division and dated 04-10-2019 of CCF, Kanara Circle uploaded in Item 15 (mentioning 1355 trees) and the hard copy of complete Enumeration List showing 1607 trees. Please clarify the exact number of trees and also note that the number of trees entered online must match with those shown in the hard copy of the proposal.

<p>Item 8(ii) Whether forms part of national park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, elephant corridor, wildlife migration corridor etc.</p> <p>Item 8(iii) Whether the forest land proposed for diversion is located within eco-sensitive zone(ESZ) of the Protected Area notified under Wildlife(Protection) Act,1972 (Note: In case, ESZ of a Protected Area is not notified, then, 10kms distance from boundary of the Protected Area should be treated as ESZ)</p> <p>Item 8(iv) Whether any national park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, elephant corridor, wildlife migration corridor etc., is located within 1 Km. from boundary of the forest land proposed for diversion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'No' option is selected in all three Items. However, as per the ICT Center report dated 26-03-2019, the forest land proposed for diversion is located about 2.5 km away from Aghanashini LTM Conservation Reserve. • Further, the said Aghanashini LTM Conservation Reserve has been merged with Sharavathi Valley Wildlife Sanctuary and a new Sharavathi Valley LTM (Lion-Tailed Macaque) Sanctuary has been notified vide Government of Karnataka Notification number FEE 12 FWL 2019 dated 07-06-2019. Some intervening forest land (which was not part of either of the above two PAs earlier) also has been included in it. • As the ESZ notification of the new sanctuary has not been notified yet, the default 10 km radius will have to be considered for the purpose of examination of the proposal vis-à-vis the ESZ of the new PA. <p>Please verify the facts in the light of above mentioned new developments and clarify the factual position in respect of Item 8(ii), (iii), (iv).</p>
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It is requested to submit the point wise specific reply to above points immediately and make necessary corrections/ changes in PART-II online, verify them and resubmit it online as well as in hard copy to this office.

The online link is hereby transferred to you for further transfer to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sirsi Division and resubmission after verification.

 29/11/19
 Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
 (Forest Conservation) and Nodal Officer (FCA)

Copy to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sisi Division, Sirsi for information and further action as above.

Copy to the Project Director, RNS Infrastructure Limited, Naveen Complex, 7th Floor, 14, M.G. Road, Bengaluru for information