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The Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Karnataka, Forest, Ecology & Environment Department, M.S.Building, Dr.Ambedkar Veedhi, Bangalore – 560 001.

Subject: Diversion of 12.1801 ha. of forest land in F.Sy.No.17 (new Sy.No.20) of Ittigehalli village, Holehonnur Hobli, Bhadravathi Taluk, Shimoga District (Bhadravathi Forest Division) for construction of new tank with check dam & connectivity road for recharge of ground water in surrounding villages of Ittigehalli in favour of the Executive Engineer, Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Ltd (KNNL) No.3, Bhadra Canal Division, Malebennur -reg.

Sir,

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I am directed to refer to State Government's letter No. FEE 123 FLL 2022 (e) dated 13/10/2022 on the above cited subject and to request to furnish clarification / information on the following for further consideration of the proposal: -

- i. As per the title of the proposal, the purpose of the project is for recharge of ground water whereas Category of the project is mentioned as "drinking water". The proposal also mentions that the water will be used for meeting the demand for irrigation for the paddy cultivation. The diversion of forest land is also sought for laying the pipeline upto the nearby village. Therefore, the actual purpose of the project, i.e. whether it is for irrigation or drinking water or for recharge of ground water may be specified.
- ii. The alternatives examined with maps and reason for their rejection.
- iii. It is mentioned that after implementation of this project, in order to meet the gap in water availability and demand, water from Tunga River near Anaveri village will be lifted to the tank. It may be clarified whether the proposal is a separate project or part of project to lift water from Tunga River and supply to tank/water bodies. If so whether any additional forest land would be required for the same.
- iv. As per the component-wise requirement of forest land provided in Part-I of the

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proposal, forest land is required for new tank, check dam and connecting road. However, in the KML file uploaded in the proposal, pipeline and tank area is shown, but the KML file of the connectivity road is not uploaded. This may be clarified.

- v. Cost Benefit analysis of the project to be submitted.
- vi. As per the PCCF forwarding letter CA is proposed in 12.1801 ha. of non-forest land in Sy.No.43, Gudmaghatta village, Holehonnur Hobli, Bhadravathi Taluk. However, KML file and maps uploaded in the Part -I & II pertains to Forest Sy.No.16 (Part) of Shringarabhag village, Basavanapattana-1 Hobli, Chennagiri Taluk, Davanagere District which appears to be a degraded forest land. Since the non-forest land has to be identified for CA for this proposal, the KML file and map of the non-forest land identified towards CA may be uploaded in the Part-I & II of the proposal. The Site suitability certificate of non-forest land proposed for Compensatory Afforestation is also not provided. If the non-forest land is not suitable for planting and alternatively the degraded forest land is selected for planting, the site suitability certificate for the same may be provided.
- vii. Copy of the MOU/Agreement executed between present owner and User Agency with respect to Compensatory Afforestation land may be submitted.
- viii.Copy of the non-encumbrance certificate for Compensatory Afforestation land may be provided.

Yours faithfully,

(B.N.Anjan Kumar)

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Copy to:

- The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18<sup>th</sup> Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003.
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- 3. The Executive Engineer, Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Ltd (KNNL) No.3, Bhadra Canal Division, Malebennur -577 530, Davanagere.

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