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**URGENT
EDS QUERY**

To,

The Chief Conservator of Forests
Kanara Circle, Sirsi

Sub: Re-diversion of 2.469 hectare in Hattikere village F.Sy No. 10A1A1A, Belekeri Hobli, Ankola Taluk, Uttar Kannada District (*Karwar Forest Division*) for establishing Toll Plaza with amenities (*shifting from existing location at CH. 117+900 to CH. 131+200*) in Goa- Karnataka Border- Kundapur Section of NH-66 from Project Sea Bird [*Primary User Agency*] in favour of Project Director, National Highway Authority of India (NHAI), Project Implementation Unit (PIU), Mangaluru [*Secondary User Agency*]

Proposal No. FP/KA/ROAD/33150/2018 [FORM-A]

- Ref:**
1. This office letter of even number dated 19-03-2020 [*Stage-I proposal*]
 2. Government of Karnataka letter No. FEE 41 FLL 2020 (e) dated 05-06-2020 [*Stage-I proposal*] and 28-09-2020 [*communication of GOI EDS query online dated 30-09-2020*]
 3. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Regional Office (Southern Zone), Bengaluru letter F. No. F(C)A/11.1/17/KAR/525 dated 04-09-2020 [*EDS query online dated 07-09-2020*]

In response to the Stage-I proposal submitted by this office vide Ref (1) to Government of Karnataka and by the State Government vide Ref (2) letter dated 05-06-2020 to the Central Government, the Government of India vide Ref (3) has sought the following additional information through the latest EDS query.

1. The State Government should clarify whether the proposed area for diversion is 2.469 ha or 1.449 ha.
2. The State Government may submit the complete KML file of the proposed area for diversion
3. The State Government may submit the complete KML file where CA has been raised over 426.20 ha of forest land in shimoga, yellapur and Karwar Forest

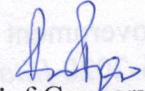
Divisions and 55.50 ha of non-forest land in Shimoga Division with respect to earlier diversion.

4. As reported by DCF, violation has been taken place, in this regard the State Government is requested to kindly provide the action report, if any.
5. The State Government shall provide the copy of the lease transfer from Ministry of Defence to NHAI.
6. Since the proposed proposal is a part of 2259 Ha of forest land diverted earlier, the State Government is requested to kindly provide a complete compliance report of the same.
7. The proper chronology of events for consideration of the proposal for re-diversion under Section (2) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
8. In order to bring clarity and better perspective to the issue details regarding date of diversion / re-division, details of Stage-I and Stage-II approval letters, extent of diversion of violation, violation attribute to action initiated etc., shall be provided in a table as well as in a chronological order.

You are therefore, required to obtain the required information from the User Agency and from the jurisdictional Deputy Conservator of Forests verify them and then submit through FC web portal along with minimum 4 ink-signed sets (KML files in CD's 4 copies) to this office immediately.


It is to note that the modifications, if any, in the forest area proposed for diversion should also be incorporated by User Agency in the PART-I of the proposal. Similarly, changes in the information of PART-II should also be uploaded online.

The copy of Government of India letter dated 04-09-2020 (Ref-3) is enclosed herewith for your information. The FC web portal link is hereby transferred for further forwarding to the User Agency through Deputy Conservator of Forests.


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

Copy to the:

- 1) Deputy Conservator of Forests, Karwar Division for information and with an instruction to forward the FC web portal link further to the User Agency for enabling uploading of reply/information in PART-I on FC web portal. You are also required to verify the reply/information and then submit your reply to all points through Chief Conservator of Forests, Kanara Circle, Sirsi.
- 2) Project Director, National Highway Authority of India (NHAI), Project Implementation Unit (PIU), Door No.3-29, 'Bethel', Tharethota, Near Pump Well, NH-66, Mangaluru for information and with a request to upload your reply along with all relevant documents in PART-I on FC web portal and also submit the ink signed documents through jurisdictional Deputy Conservator of Forests at the earliest.


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