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F.No.4-KLB1320/2021-BAN 1097

Dated, the 30th November, 2021

To

The Principal Secretary to Government,
Government of Kerala, Forests & Wildlife (C) Department,
Secretariat,
Thiruvananthapuram,
Kerala, PIN – 695 001.

Subject:- Diversion of 17.073 ha of forest land for Construction of 400 kV Quad
D/C Uduppi – Kasargode Transmission line -reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to State Government's letter No. C3/240/2021/F&WLD dated 28.10.2021 on the above subject. In this regard, it is informed that the above proposal was placed before the Regional Empowered Committee (REC) in its meeting held on 23.11.2021 and after due deliberations, REC observed that the project also requires diversion of forest land in Karnataka State for which a separate proposal has been submitted by the user agency to Government of Karnataka. REC decided that as per para 11.2 of Comprehensive FC Guidelines issued by MoEF &CC, these two proposals need to be considered in its entirety for comprehensive assessment of requirement of forest land, and consequences if approval for any forest land is not granted. Therefore, it is decided to consider this proposal in *toto* after the receipt of proposal for Karnataka portion.

During the meeting, the User Agency informed that the work has already been started in the Non-Forest area. Therefore, the User Agency is required to submit an undertaking that in case diversion of forest land is denied, the project shall be executed along an alternate alignment and work on non-forest land shall not be cited as a reason for grant of approval of diversion of forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as stipulated in para 11.3 of the Comprehensive FC guidelines.

In view of the above, it is informed that the proposal will be further considered after receipt of the proposal in respect of Karnataka portion. Further, State Government is requested to furnish the following information:-

- i. Undertaking from User Agency that in case diversion of forest land is denied, the project shall be executed along an alternate alignment and work on non-forest land shall not be cited as a reason for grant of approval of diversion of forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
- ii. Location map of the revenue land for Compensatory Afforestation(CA).

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- iii. Certificate from the District Collector, Kasargod that the identified revenue land for CA (Land for Land) will be transferred and mutated in the name of Forest Department for its notification as PF/RF before Stage-II clearance.

Yours faithfully,



(B.N. Anjan Kumar)

Assistant Inspector General of Forest (Central)

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