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To,

The Chief Conservator of Forests
Mangaluru Circle, Mangaluru

Sub: Diversion of 17.49 ha (*revised from 16.246 ha*) of forest land in Haladi-76, Avarshe and Heggunde and other villages in Udupi and Brahmavara Taluk of Udupi District for construction of Irrigation Main and Branch Canals under Varahi Lift Irrigation Scheme in favour of the Executive Engineer, Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Limited, No.2, Varahi Reservoir Project Division, Udupi.

Proposal No.FP/KA/IRRIG/41736/2019

- Ref:**
1. This office letter of even No dated 20-06-2022 [*seeking Stage-I approval*]
 2. Government of Karnataka letter No FEE 87 FLL 2022 (e) dated 18-07-2022 [*forwarded the proposal to GOI*] and 06-12-2022 [*online link transferred to this office*]
 3. Government of India letter No.4-KRB1366/2022-BAN/69 dated 08-09-2022 and 25-11-2022 [*EDS query*]

With reference to the above subject, this office vide Ref (1) has submitted the proposal to Government of Karnataka for seeking 'in-principle'(Stage-I) approval under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The Government of Karnataka vide Ref (2) letter dated 18-07-2022 has forwarded the proposal to Government of India for seeking stage-I approval.

In response, Government of India vide Ref (3) is seeking clarification and information on the following four points (copy enclosed).

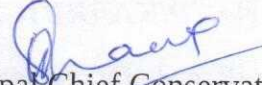
- a. The justification given by User Agency that by avoiding forest area, there will be reduction in the total command area is not supported by quantitative details.
- b. The cost escalation is cited as a reason for discarding one of the alternative alignments examined in non-forest area. However, the exact details of increase in cost for setting up the project in non-forest land is not provided. The values of Ecosystem Goods and Services of the forest area selected for the proposed alignment needs to be compared with the

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implementation cost in non-forest area to arrive at a specific conclusion of discarding or selecting forest/non forest area.

- c. In order to assess the gravity of *fait accompli* situation created by the User Agency, quantifiable assessment of feasible alternatives may be examined and reported.
- d. The status of compliance of conditions stipulated with respect to diversion of 15.40 ha of forest land accorded under FC Act, 1980 vide letter No. F(C)A/16.1/KAR/34/IP dated 03-01-1996 and for diversion of 129.60 ha of forest land vide letter No. 8-107/84-FC dated 12-03-2004 duly authenticated by State Forest Department may be approved.

The Government of Karnataka vide Ref (2) has transferred the online to this office on 06-12-2022. Therefore, **you are directed to submit clarification/information sought by Government of India letters dated 08-09-2022 and 25-11-2022 (Copies enclosed) 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.


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. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Kundapura Division for information and necessary action as stated above.
2. The Executive Engineer, Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Limited (KNNL), No.2, Varahi Reservoir Project Division, Siddapura, Kundapura, Udupi District for information and necessary action.



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