

Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road,
New Delhi: 1100 03,
Dated: December, 2021

To,

The Additional Chief Secretary (Forests),
Department of Forests & Environment,
Government of Karnataka,
Bangalore.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 89.92 ha of forest land in Tavaraghatta Village Sy.No.14 and Singanamane Village Sy.No.16 both in Kasaba Hobli, Bhadravathi Taluk, Shivamogga District and Byrapura Village Sy.No.37, Kasaba Hobli, Narsimharajapura (NR) Taluk, Chikkamagaluru District for establishment and development of Kuvempu University Campus for academic activities in favour of Registrar, Kuvempu University, Jnana Sahyadri Shankaraghatta, Shivamogga District. (Online Proposal No.FP/KA/SCH/35132/2018). -reg.,

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Karnataka's letter No. FEE 51 FLL 2021 (e) dated 27th October, 2021 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section-2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After preliminary scrutiny of the proposal the Ministry observed the following shortcomings:

- i. The proposal is non-site specific, in this regard the state govt. is requested to submit the justification and other alternate of the land explored.
- ii. As per the PARIVESH portal the applied area of forest land is 90.04 ha of forest land. But the State Govt. has recommended an of area is 89.92 ha. In this regard the State Govt. is requested to clarify the same.
- iii. Complete KML file including the build-up area of the proposed forest area has not been uploaded by the State Government on the PARIVESH portal. the same may be uploaded in PARIVESH portal.
- iv. The user agency has not submitted any under taking to bear the cost of CA & NPV. In this regard the State government is requested to submit the same.
- v. The State Govt. forwarding letter and part-V uploaded in the PARIVESH

portal is not relevant to this proposal. The revised correct letter may be uploaded in PARIVESH portal.

- vi. Many relevant documents uploaded in PARIVESH portal are in vernacular language (i.e. kannada). The English version is required for analyzing the same in this Ministry. Therefore the translated copies may be submitted to this Ministry.
- vii. The State Govt. is requested to provide the information regarding whether any court cases are pending wrt the instant proposal.
- viii. The State Government has provided the names of the officials responsible for violation but the action taken report wrt officials has not been submitted. In this regard, the state government is requested to forward the Action taken report to this Ministry.
- ix. The FRA certificate submitted by the State Govt. is not as per prescribed format mentioned comprehensive guideline issued by this Ministry.
- x. The State Government has not submitted the CB analysis report. The same may be forwarded to this Ministry.

In view of the above, the State Government is requested to submit the information/clarification/documents as indicated above, to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(Rinku Kumari)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.
2. The Nodal Officer, (FCA), Forest Department, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.
3. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, Bangalore, MoEF&CC.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.