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Office of
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)



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To,

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government.
Forest, Environment and Ecology Department,
M.S. Building, Bengaluru - 560 001

Sub: Re-diversion of 0.94 hectare of forest land in Seege Guddada Kaval Village new Sy.No.74 (old Sy No. 48), Salegame Hobli, Hassan Taluk, Hassan District (out of 17.03 ha for land already leased to M/s Suzlon Energy Ltd) for Improvement of road from Seege Veerapura road to Malemalleshwara Swamy Temple road in favour of the Executive Engineer, Public Works, Ports & Inland Water Transport Department, Hassan Division, Hassan

Proposal No. FP/KA/ROAD/45454/2020 [Form -A]

- Ref:**
1. This office letter of even number dated 03-04-2021/*seeking Stage-I approval*/and 09-07-2021 *[communication of GOI EDS query]*
 2. Government of Karnataka letter No. FFE 39 F.I.L 2021 (c) dated 24-05-2021 *[seeking in-principle (Stage-I) approval]* and 06-07-2021 *[Communication of GOI EDS query]*
 3. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Bengaluru letter F.No. 4-KRB1294/2021-BAN/111 dated 22-06-2021 *[EDS query]*
 4. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Hassan Division letter No. B4/Land/FC/CR-05/2020-21 dated 29-07-2021 *[reply to GOK EDS query]*
 5. Chief Conservator of Forests, Hassan Circle letter No. A8/Land/FC/CR-13/2020-21 dated 02-08-2021 *[reply to GOK EDS query]*

With reference to the above subject, proposal for seeking 'in-principle' (Stage-I) approval under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, was submitted by this office to Government of Karnataka vide letter cited at Ref (1). Subsequently Government of Karnataka vide Ref (2) letter dated 24-05-2021 has submitted the proposal to Government of India. In response, the Government of India vide Ref (3) has sought certain information on four specific points. The same has been communicated by Government of Karnataka vide letter cited at Ref (2) dated 06-07-2021 to this office.

Accordingly, vide letter dated 09-07-2021 referred at (1) the query was forwarded by this office to the field officers and User Agency to submit clarification/information sought by Government of India.

In response, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Hassan Division vide Ref (4) has submitted the information to Chief Conservator of Forests Hassan Circle who after verification, vide Ref (5) has submitted the reply to this office.

Based on the reports obtained from the User Agency and Field officers, the information is as follows:

GOI Query dated 24-03-2021	Reply
1 It may be clarified that whether the proposed Kuthca road is in existence prior to enactment Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and used by pilgrims to visit the temple, if so how the said road has been included in proposal for diversion of Wind Power Project in favour of M/s Suzlon Energy Limited.	In Seege guddada kaval village new sy.no.74 inside the Seege gudda kaval Reserve Forest there is no Kuchca road that existed prior to enactment of Forest Conservation Act, 1980. Presently there is only Kuchca road which was formed by Suzlon Energy Limited on the basis of lease agreement No.3/2006-07 and vide Stage-II approval accorded by Government of India No.4-KRC-1895/2006-BAN/1566/ dated 17-11-2006 within the approved extent of 17.03 ha area for the purpose of maintenance of wind fans only and this Kuchha road also connects the Malemalleshwara Temple.
2 Whether any FoC has been registered against any person/agency for illegal use of road in forest area.	No FOC has been registered in the proposed area for illegal use of road
3 Whether any alternate roads are available to the temple.	There is no alternate road available
4 Recommendation of CCF Hassan dated 23-02-2021.	The Chief Conservator of Forests Hassan Circle had not recommended the proposal in Item No. 16 of PART II of the proposal submitted on 16-10-2020, stating in 'Reason' column that the proposal has been sent back to DCF, Hassan as per letter No A8/LAND/FCA/CR 13/202021 dated 16-10-2020 and the same copy was found to be uploaded in the PART II of the proposal instead of recommendation. In this regard, vide this office letter dated 23-02-2021, proposal was sent back to Chief Conservator of Forests Hassan Circle for specific recommendation(ANNEXURE-I)

In response, Chief Conservator of Forests Hassan Circle vide letter dated 10-03-2021 submitted the recommendation to this office agreeing with the recommendation of Deputy Conservator of Forests, Hassan Division and recommended the proposal (ANNEXURE-II).

In view of the above, it is requested to move the matter with the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Bengaluru for seeking the (Stage-I) approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the project.

The relevant documents in 3 sets are submitted here with for kind perusal and further action.

Yours Faithfully



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

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