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To,

Chief Conservator of Forests,
Kanara Circle, Sirsi.

Sir,

Subject: Diversion of 174.652 ha of Forest Land in Devalli, Payaswadi, Atle and 21 Other Villages in Dharwad, Haliyal, Dandeli Wildlife (Kali Tiger Reserve) and Belagavi Divisions for laying of Goa-Tamnar 400 KV D/C Quad Transimission line (LILo Project) in favour of Manager, Goa-Tamnar Transmission Project Limited,
Proposal No. FP/KA/TRANS/37754/2018.

- Ref: 1 The Govt of India, MOEF Regional Office Bengaluru Letter No4-KRA1526/2025-BAN Dated: 11-02-2026
- 2 Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Conservation) and Nodel Officer (VSESA), No. KFD/HOFF//A52K(GFL)/15/2018-FC E- 63729 Dated: 24-02-2026
 - 3 Range Forest Office, Tinaighat Letter No ವ.ಅ.ತಿ/ 2025-26 Dated: 7-3-2026.
 - 4 Range Forest Office, Haliyal Letter No ವ.ಅ.ಅ/ಹಳಿಯಾಳ/36/2026-27 Dated: 08-04-2026
 - 5 Goa-Tamnar Transmission Project Limited, Dharwad letter No GTTPL/FOREST/NXTL/09 Dated: 24-03-2026.

With reference to the above-mentioned subject, the user agency vide its letter cited in reference (6) has submitted compliance as given below to the EDS raised by the IRO, Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change (MOEF), Government of India vide letter cited in reference (1) as follows,

Query No.	Query Description	Reply
1	The State Government has not submitted the recommendation of Project Screening Committee (PSC) as per VSES rules 2023.	--
2	The DCF/CCF Belgaum has not recommended the proposal, as the forest land falls in Western Ghat with rare and endangered species. DCF has also stated that if the permission is accorded there will be more damage to bio-diversity and will bifurcate the entire landscape. In this regard the State Government is requested to submit the comments of CWLW Govt. of Karnataka on the adverse effect of the proposal and also submit the mitigation plan duly approved by the CWLW.	Wildlife Mitigation Plan is enclosed
3	The area proposed for diversion of forest land falls inside the protected area namely Kali Tiger Reserve. Therefore, the State Govt. is requested to submit the recommendation of SC-NBWL clearance.	To be Complied by KTR.

4	The State Government is requested to offer its comments on whether any court cases/ litigations are pending in any court w.r.t this proposal.	No court cases/ litigations are pending in any court w.r.t this proposal.
5	The DFL land identified for plantation is 16 ha in Varav -Nagalavi in Darwad district, but the Site Suitability Certificate is submitted for 10 ha only. The State Government is requested to submit the revised Site Suitability Certificate.	--
6	As per satellite imagery, it appears that the plantation activities has already been carried out in the CA land (DFL) identified in Belgaum to an extend of 50 ha in Sy. No. 270(57) in Gunjal, Gokak. In this regard the State Government is requested to clarify that plantation activities has already been carried out in the said identified land in any other Scheme earlier.	--
7	As per satellite imagery, agricultural fields are visible in the CA land (DFL) identified in Belgaum to an extend of 100 HA in Sy. No. 13 &136 in Chandur/Tummaraguddi. In this regard the State Government is requested to clarify whether the identified CA land is under encroachment.	--
8	As per the DSS analysis, out of the nine patches of DFL land identified across three districts for the purpose of Compensatory Afforestation (CA), seven patches are found to have thick vegetation density (details as per below table). In this regard, the State Government is requested to re-verify canopy density of the identified DFL land and ensure that the land proposed for CA has a canopy density of less than 0.4. In case any of the identified DFL land is found to have a canopy density exceeding 0.4, it is requested that alternative DFL land with the prescribed canopy density shall be identified for the purpose of CA.	An extent of 194.50 ha of forest land earlier identified for Compensatory Afforestation (CA) in Haliyal Range and Tinaighat Range has been inspected for suitability and found to be unsuitable. Further, no alternate forest land is available for CA in this division.

Yours faithfully,



Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Haliyal Division, Haliyal