

No: B2/GFL/CR-12/2019-20

Office of the  
Chief Conservator of Forests  
Kanara Circle,  
Sirsi, dated: 30-12-2021

To,

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,  
(Forest Conservation)  
Aranya Bhavan, Malleshwaram 18<sup>th</sup> cross,  
Bangalore-560003

Sir,

SUB: Diversion of 2.632 ha of forest land in Khurse village F Sy No 103, Sampakanda Hobli, Sirsi Taluk, Uttara Kannada District (Sirsi Forest Division) for establishing Stone Quarry for exclusive use of National Highway project in favour of the M/s RNS Infrastructure Limited, Bangaluru (Online **Proposal No. F-P/KA/QR/39019 12019)-reg**

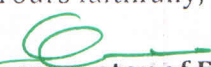
- Ref: 1) The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation) and Nodal Officer (FCA), Bangaluru letter KFD/HOFF/A52K(GFL) /32/2019-FC Dt: 06-11-2021.  
2) Letter No. A3/GFL/Land/Khurse/CLUP/CR-13/19-20/2020-21 /1962 Dated:24-12-2021 of Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sirsi Division, Sirsi

With reference to above subject Deputy Conservator of Forests Sirsi has Submitted the compliance report towards EDS raised by Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Forest Conservation) under reference (1) The compliance report is Submitted in 3 sets for your Kind Information and further needful action.

Si No	Observation	Compliance
1	NHAI project can easily source their material from non-forest area, as the stone quarry material are widely available outside the forest area. PCCF (HoFF) in his letter dated 11/08/2021 has reported that NHAI has other road projects on Goa-Karwar-Mangalore stretch wherein the road work is under progress and huge quantity of boulders have been extracted and also available for further extraction. Therefore, the rationale for recommending the instant proposal may be furnished. Further, the proposal needs to be examined in light of Para 1.15 of the comprehensive guidelines on Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and the requisite details are to be provided.	The User agency furnished the report in reference (2) above same has been enclosed.

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2	Approved Quarry Plan from the Competent Authority.	The User agency furnished the report in reference (2) above same has been enclosed.
3	Status of Environmental Clearance for the proposed quarry	The User agency furnished the report in reference (2) above same has been enclosed.
4	PCCF (HoFF) in his report has mentioned that the forest area is located within 10 km default Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ) of Sharavathi Valley Lion Tailed Macaque Sanctuary. As per the ministry's guidelines No. 1-9/2007-WL-I (Pt) dated 09/0282011 regarding declaration of Eco-Sensitive Zone around Protected Area, the mining activities are listed under "Prohibited" Category. Therefore, comments of State Government in this regard may be furnished.	In this connection RFO Janmane & ACF Janmane after verification of the said area, reported to this office in reference (3) & (4) above that the draft proposal has been submitted for declaration of Eco-Sensitive Zone the said area comes 3.37 km from (draft) Eco-Sensitive Zone.

Yours faithfully,

  
**Chief Conservator of Forests**  
**Kanara Circle, Sirsi**

Copy to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sirsi Division, Sirsi for information.

Copy forwarded to The Project Director, RNS Infrastructure Limited, Bangalore for Kind information.