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To

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

Sir,

Sub: Re-diversion and change of land use in 7.53 hectare of forest land in Kanagalakoppa Village Sy No. 20, 55, 56, 58, 59, 60 & 69, Mandagadde Hobli, Thirthalli Taluk, Shivamogga District (*Shivamogga Forest Division*) and K.Kanaburu Village Sy No. 82, 83, 97, 98, 99 and Muttinakoppa Village Sy No. 73, Kasaba Hobli, Narsimharajapura Taluk, Chikkamagaluru District (*Koppa Forest Division*) for laying of 220 KV Transmission Line under Upper Bhadra Project Package-1 from Karnataka Neeravari Nigama Limited [**PRIMARY USER AGENCY**] to Executive Engineer, Visvesvaraya Jala Nigama Limited (VJNL), Upper Bhadra Project Division No.2, Shivamogga [**SECONDARY USER AGENCY**].

Proposal No. FP/KA/TRANS/42309/2019.

- Ref:**
1. This office letter of even number dated 01-03-2025 [*EDS reply submitted to GOK*].
 2. Government of Karnataka letter No. FEE 42 FLL 2021 (e) dated 14-03-2025 [*Forwarded the reply to GOI*].
 3. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Regional Office (Southern Zone), Bengaluru letter F.No. 4-KRC 1298/2021-BAN dated 22-04-2025 [*EDS query*].

With reference to the above proposal, this office vide Ref (1) had submitted additional information the Government of Karnataka for seeking Stage-I approval and by the Government of Karnataka vide Ref (2).

The Government of India vide Ref (3) has raised an EDS Query and directed to comply the conditions stipulated vide its approval dated 14-12-2004 wrt to the diversion of 449.55 ha of forest land to Upper Tunga Project (copy enclosed).

Further, the user agency has paid the compensatory levies to the CAMPA account wrt to the diversion of 449.55 ha of forest land to Upper Tunga Project. The details are given below.

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1	Compensatory afforestation shall be raised and maintained over equivalent non-forest land by the State Forest department.	<p>The Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Limited authorities have deposited Rs.2,43,90,000/- towards the Compensatory Afforestation. The details are as under:</p> <table> <tr> <th>Demand Draft Number</th><th>Dated</th><th>Amount</th></tr> <tr> <td>028741 to 028755</td><td>23-10-1995</td><td>1,48,25,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>95664</td><td>07-09-1994</td><td>1,75,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>040412</td><td>11-03-2004</td><td>25,20,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>482792</td><td>04-05-2004</td><td>68,70,000</td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Total</td><td>Rs.2,43,90,000/-</td></tr> </table>	Demand Draft Number	Dated	Amount	028741 to 028755	23-10-1995	1,48,25,000	95664	07-09-1994	1,75,000	040412	11-03-2004	25,20,000	482792	04-05-2004	68,70,000	Total		Rs.2,43,90,000/-
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2	Along the banks of the reservoir, plantations shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department.	An amount of Rs. 81.30 Lakhs towards raising of plantation along the banks of Reservoir has been deposited to State Forest Department vide D.D No: 130917 dated: 04-05-2004.																		
3	Islands of the Mandagadde Bird Sanctuary shall be raised sufficiently to avoid its submergence at the project cost under supervision of Wildlife wing of State Forest Department.	An amount of Rs. 20.00 Lakhs has been deposited towards the development of Mandagadde Bird Sanctuary.																		
4	All the safeguards and conditions stipulated by the Indian Board of Wildlife (IBWL) shall be strictly followed.	An amount of Rs.15.00 Crores has been deposited to the Central Empowered Committee, vide DD No: 068306 dated: 11-08-2004.																		
5	The catchment area treatment works shall be executed as per the plan under the supervision of the State Forest Department.	An amount of Rs. 20.12 Crore has been paid to Karnataka CAMPA A/C No: 15073ITTIG3321997619 (IFSC CORP0000633) through RTGS on dated: 06-09-2016.																		

Further compliance of IBWL conditions is as under.

1	The Project authorities will deposit at least 15 crores within a period of one month of the sanctions, for a revolving fund to be set up for the management of Bhadra Sanctuary and Shettihalli Sanctuary. A fool proof mechanism to receive and utilize the money shall be finalized by the State Government in consultation with MoEF.	<p>The user agency has deposited an amount of Rs. 15 crores to the Central Empowered Committee vide DD No. 068306 Dated: 11.08.2004.</p> <p>The amount which is presently with the CAMPA fund is yet to be released for utilization.</p>
2	The State Government will add an area of 3 sq.kms (300 ha.) to the Shettihalli sanctuary, in case it is not possible to add the area to this sanctuary then an equivalent area would be added to Bhadra Sanctuary within 90 days of the sanction.	<p>An extent of 2795.63ha. has been added as buffer area to the Bhadra Tiger Reserve vide Notification No. FEE 42 FWL 2025 Dated: 27.03.2025.</p> <p>(Copy attached as Annexure A)</p>
3	Compensatory Afforestation as may be stipulated by the forest advisory Committee in an area not less than 550 ha. to be taken up.	<p>The IBWL had imposed a condition for CA as may be stipulated by the FAC in an area not less than 550 Ha.</p> <p>However, the Stage-II approval dated 14-12-2004 imposed the condition for raising CA over equivalent non-forest land only.</p> <p>Thus, CA area has to be treated as 449.55 Ha only. The User-Agency has accordingly remitted amount for afforestation of 449.50 Ha.</p>
4	Responsibility for initiating the work in non-forest area in violation of the guideline issued under Forest (Conservation) Act. 1980 be fixed.	No such violation has occurred in contravention of FC Act.
5	The reservoir will be the part Shettihalli Sanctuary and no fishing or any other commercial activity will be allowed.	The reservoir has already been notified as Protected Forest vide Notification No. APG 130 FAF 2024 dated 24-12-2024 and the same is part of the proposed Eco-sensitive Zone of Shettihalli WLS.

Other conditions imposed in Stage-II approval dated 14-12-2004 have been complied and the compliance from jurisdictional CCFs are enclosed as Annexure-B & C herewith. This is for your kind information.

Yours faithfully

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)

Copy to:

The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shviamogga & Koppa divisions for information and necessary action.

The Chief Conservator of Forests, Shviamogga & Chikkamagaluru Circles for information and necessary action.

Executive Engineer, VJNL, UBP Division-02, B.R. Project, Bhadravathi Taluk, Shivamogga – 577115 for information.