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To

Chief Conservator of Forest
Shimoga Circle, Shimoga

Respected Sir,

Proposal No.FP/KA/ROAD/156224/2022

Subject: Diversion of 25.763 Ha of Forest Land in Hosanagara (T), Shimoga (D) for Construction of 2L+PS Road from km 55.60 to km 90.70 Mavinakoppa of NH 766C with Major Bridges across Sharavathi Back Water-Reg.

Reference:

1. The Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Bangalore letter No. F. No.4-KRC1400/2022-BAN/ Dt: 16.04.2025.
2. This office letter Dated: 15.05.2025 & 22.05.2025.
3. Executive Engineer, National Highway Division, Shimoga, Office letter No. EE/NHD/SMG/AE-1/NH-766C)/Bekkodi/2005-26/235 Dt: 27.05.2025.

With the reference to the above subject, the user agency i.e. Executive Engineer, National Highway Division, Shimoga has submitted a proposal (No.FP/KA/ROAD/156224/2022) for the release of 25.763 Ha of forest land for the "Construction of 2L+PS Road from km 55.60 to km 90.70 Mavinakoppa of NH 766 C with Major Bridges across Sharavathi Back Water". After the site inspection by unit officers the proposal was submitted for approval and uploaded all the necessary information in Parivesh portal.

With respect to the said project, in Ref(1) The Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Bangalore raised EDS seeking additional information regarding above mentioned project.

With respect to the Ref(1), this office raised EDS to the User Agency in Ref(2) Dated: 15.05.2025 seeking necessary information. The user agency uploaded necessary documents in the Part-I of Parivesh Portal and submitted the detailed report to this office in Ref(3). According to the report submitted by the user agency, information/clarifications sought with respect to the proposal for diversion of 25.763 Ha of forest land in various villages of Sagar Division for "Construction of 2L+PS Road from km 55.60 to km 90.70 Mavinakoppa of NH

766 C with Major Bridges across Sharavathi Back Water”, are furnished as below.

Sl. No.	Clarifications sought by MoEF	Reply Furnished
1	As the area proposed forms a part of the Western Ghats, which are highly prone to landslides on disturbance, an appropriate slope stabilization plan which includes both engineering and biological measures is to be prepared in consultation with the local Forest authorities. The necessary budgetary provisions for the same should be included as a part of the proposal by the User Agency.	Detailed slope stabilization plan including Engineering and Biological measures has been prepared in consultation with this office and copy attached as Annexure-A1 .
2	An appropriate muck disposal plan needs to be incorporated in the proposal.	User agency submitted a report that the total excavated earth of 256,224 cubic meters will be utilized for embankment works of the project, which requires a total of 416,254 cubic meters. The remaining earth requirement will be fulfilled from the borrow areas. Hence, a muck disposal plan is not necessary. However, in any case, the topsoil of about 300mm may not be useful, for the same Muck Disposal Plan is attached as the Annexure-A2 .
3	Revised CA Scheme incorporating appropriate fencing methods for protecting the identified non-forest land to an extent of 53.00 ha in Sy no 32, Kannuru village, Sagara taluk, Shimoga district, to be included in the proposal.	A revised CA Scheme for Canopy Improvement Plan is prepared and attached as Annexure-A5 . This CA Scheme includes fencing methods, SMC Works, Creation & maintenance of Fire lines, Construction of Protection camps & Fire watch towers, providing watch and ward for protecting the identified non-forest land to an extent of 53.00 ha in Sy no 32, Kannuru village, Sagara taluk, Shimoga district.
4	As per the directions of Ministry letter dated 01/09/2023, action taken report of the representation received from V. Ganapathi and others may be submitted, to this office at the earliest for further onward submission to the Ministry	User agency submitted a detailed parawise remarks for representation submitted by V. Ganapathi and others. The same report has been attached as Annexure-A3 .


5	<p>Since the Revenue records have been changed from Forest to Non-Forest by the Revenue Department, necessary action may be initiated against the concerned authorities as per the relevant rules and Acts, under information to this office.</p>	<p>As per the directions of Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change vide Ref(1), a letter no. B1/Bhoomi/FC/Road/156224/2022-23 Dated: 22.05.2025 (Copy enclosed as Annexure-A6) has been written to Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer (FCA) through Chief Conservator of Forests, Shimoga Circle, Shimoga for seeking permission to book a case for violating the provisions of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Act, 1980 against Shri. Chandrashekar Naik, Tahashiladar Hosanagara for changing the status of forest land in Sy. No. 5 of Ganganakoppa Village, Hosanagara Taluk from 'Aranya' to 'Sarkari Muphattu' in revenue records without the prior approval from Central Government.</p>
6	<p>Necessary provisions shall be made available in the Wildlife Mitigation Plan for the unrestricted movement of arboreal animals in the forest. The necessary budgetary provisions for the same should be included as a part of the proposal by the user agency</p>	<p>Previously Wildlife Mitigation Plan was approved for ₹420.83 Lakhs by the Wildlife Warden vide letter No. PCCF/WL/D/CR-51/2018-19 dated 11-09-2023. And separate Wildlife Mitigation Plan for the unrestricted movements of Arboreal animals is prepared. In which 16 locations in the proposed forest land has been identified for the construction of canopy bridges with the consultation of local forest authorities, The copy attached as Annexure-A4.</p> <p>The user agency reported that Ministry of Road Transport & Highways has sanctioned Rs. 3607 lakhs for the forest clearance related expenditure vide Letter No. NH-12037/26/2022/KNT/South-I dated: 21-03-2023. Out of 3607 Lakhs Rs. 25 Lakhs will be utilized for the construction of canopy bridges in 16 identified locations across the proposed NH-766C Mavinakoppa to Adugodi road.</p>

All necessary documents are uploaded in Part-II of the Parivesh Portal. And 3 set hard copies of the report submitted by the user agency and corresponding documents are ink signed, enclosed and submitted for further action.

Enclosures:-

1. Annexure-A1: Slope Stabilization Plan
2. Annexure-A2: Muck Disposal Plan.
3. Annexure-A3: Report regarding representation submitted by V. Ganapathi and others.
4. Annexure-A4: Wildlife Mitigation Plan for Arboreal animals.
5. Annexure-A5: Revised CA Scheme for Canopy Improvement Plan.
6. Annexure-A6: Letter seeking permission to book a case against Tahashiladr Hosanagara for violating the provisions of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Act, 1980.

Yours sincerely,


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Sagar Division, Sagar.