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Office of the
Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Chitradurga Division, Chitradurga.
Date: 16-11-2023.

To,
✓ The Chief Conservator of Forests,
Ballari Circle Ballari.

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 0.692 ha of forest land in Sy No. 140 T.Yemmiganur Village, Talya Hobli, Holalkere Taluk, Chitradurga District for formation of approach road to connecting existing road to Crusher unit in favour of M/s Shivapuram Constructions Stone Crusher, T. Yemmiganur. **Proposal No.FP/KA/ROAD/29278/2017.**

- Ref: 1. Online communication to this office dated: 09.01.2018.
2. This office even letter dated:30.01.2018, 24.01.2020, 17.02.2020 and 06-08-2021.
3. Letter No.A5(2),QRY.CR-06/2017-18 dated:08-09-2023 of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Forest Conservation) and Nodal Officer (FCA), Bengaluru.
4. Your Letter No. M1.QRY.Road.CR-6/2017-18/1868 Dated: 30-09-2023.

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With reference to the above subject, M/s Shivapuram Constructions, Saraswathi Badavane, Chitradurga District has already submitted the proposal under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 through web portal mode for diversion of 0.692 Ha of forest land in Sy No.140 of T.Yemmiganur Section-4 Area in Holalkere Range, Chitradurga Division for approach road connecting to existing road to their Crusher unit. Accordingly, communication through online was received to process the said proposal and to submit the specific opinion of the undersigned.

The report has already been submitted vide this office vide reference (2). Later on, your kind office has instructed to submit a site inspection report vide reference (3) and (4).

Further, the undersigned visited the project site on 16-10-2023 verified the documents with reference to the proposal. Therefore, I am herewith submitting the following additional information and re-submitted the hard copies for your kind information and necessary action.

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As per the request made by the user agency to the effect that there is no other alternate land for approach road except 0.692 ha, which is falling in forest land alongwith the maps, the undersigned once again conducted the spot inspection on 16-10-2023. During the course of inspection, it is found that the other roads are very narrow and passing through the amidst of the villages and temples which are also existing at the fringes of the alternate roads, besides this, some of the roads are curved and height, thus causing a lot of difficulties / hindrance for the movement of the heavy loaded vehicles.

As per the request of the user agency, it is found that there are no alternate road except the proposed 0.692 ha of forest land for approach road. Hence, the justification given for diversion of 0.692 ha of forest land for approach road is quite genuine.

As already reported by this office on 06-08-2021 and 15-03-2023, the Revenue Department had already illegally granted 83.27 acres to 40 individuals and 3.00 acres to the Block Education officer, DDPI, Holalkere taluk, which is totaling to 86.27 acres, in the section-4 notified forest land of Sy.No.140 of Yammiganur village, Holalkere taluk.

The Range Forest Officer, Holalkere has already been instructed to immediately file an appeal in the Court of the Assistant Commissioner, Chitradurga against the erroneous grants in the section-4 notified forest land. However, the Range Forest Officer, Holalkere have already booked the forest offence case bearing FOC No. 02/2012-13 Dated: 21-04-2012 (Against Nirmithi Center, Chitradurga and Executive Engineer, PWD, Holalkere) against the user agencies who are carrying out the non-forestry activities without obtaining the proper approval under the Forest(Conservation) Act, 1980, besides issuing instructions to the Range Forest Officer, Holalkere to submit the detailed report against the responsible officers /officials involved in this instant case.

The above information as sought is submitted for your kind perusal and needful action.



Yours Faithfully,

(Rajanna IFS)

Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Chitradurga Division, Chitradurga.