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To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Forest Conservation,
Aranya Bhavan,
Bangalore.

Sir,

Subject : Submission of compliance report to the EDS query raised regarding Proposal No: FP/KA/TRANS/42309/2019 related to Re-diversion and change in land use of 7.53 Ha forest land in Shivamogga and Koppa forest Divisions for 220 kV Transmission line work of Upper Bhadra Project, Package-1.

- Reference :**
1. Forest Proposal No: FP/KA/TRANS/42309/2019
 2. Letter No: F.No.4 KRC1298/2021 BAN 172 dated: 30-06-2021 of the Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central), MoEF, Integrated Regional office, Kendriyasadana, Koramangala, Bengaluru office.
 3. The Government of Karnataka Notification No: APG 130 FAF 2024 dated 24-12-2024 issued by Under Secretary, Ministry of Forest Ecology and Environment.
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 5. Letter No.KNNL/UTP/Div/Smg/PG-2/2024-25/2664 Dated: 06-01-2025 of the Executive Engineer, KNNL Upper Tunga Project Division, Shivamogga.
 6. Letter No: VJNL/UBP/Division-02/BRP/PB/ 2022-23/1065 dated : 07-01-2025 of the Executive Engineer, VJNL, Upper Bhadra Project Division NO-02, B.R.Project.
 7. Letter No. DFT:FCA:220KV/CR/36/2019-20 Dated:18.01.2025 & 15-05-2025 of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Koppa Division, Koppa.
 8. EDS raised by Regional Office, MoEFCC, Bangalore dated 22.04.2025.
 9. Letter No: B4/Land/FC/GL-14451/2019-20(227) dated: 13-05-2025 & 24-10-2025 of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shivamogga Division, Shivamogga office.
 10. Letter No. DFT:FCA:220KV/CR/36/2019-20 Dated:24-10-2025 of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Koppa Division, Koppa.

With reference to the above subject, stating that the condition number 2, 4, 9, 10 and 14 of the final stage-II approval letter on 14-12-2004 issued by the Ministry with respect to the diversion of 449.55 Ha. of forest land to Upper Tunga project were not complied with yet, The Deputy Inspector General Forests (Central) has requested the State Government vide letter cited under reference (8) to submit the details/clarifications sought in the said letter and to comply with all the conditions stipulated by the Ministry vide its approval letter dated on 14-02-2004.

Vide ref (10), Deputy Conservator of Forests, Koppa Division, Koppa stated that; vide ref (9), the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shivamogga Division, Shivamogga has communicated the compliance report for the observations of Stage-2 clearance of Upper Tunga Project and also furnished the details. In this regard, with respect to the compliance of conditions stipulated by the Ministry vide letter dated: 14-12-2004 and with respect to the diversion of 449.55 Ha of forest land to Upper Tunga project is as below:

Condition No	Conditions laid in Stage-2 Clearance	Compliance																		
2	Compensatory afforestation shall be raised and maintained over equivalent non-forest land by the State forest department.	Vide ref (9), the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shivamogga Division, Shivamogga has reported that, as per the stipulations, an extent of 449.55 Ha. of compensatory afforestation was required to be raised and maintained over non-forest land by the State Forest Department. Towards raising and maintenance of the same, The Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Limited authority has already deposited Rs.2,43,90,000-00 through DD in favour of PCCF, Bangalore. The payments are as below: <table> <tr> <th>Sl. No.</th><th>DD No. and Date</th><th>Amount paid (in Rs.)</th></tr> <tr> <td>1</td><td>No: 028741 to 028755, dated:23-1-01995</td><td>1,48,25,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>2</td><td>No: 95664 dated:07-09-1994</td><td>1,75,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>3</td><td>No:040412 dated:11-03-2004</td><td>25,20,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>4</td><td>No:482792 dated:04-05-2004</td><td>68,70,000</td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Total</td><td>2,43,90,000</td></tr> </table> The user agency has paid all the payment towards raising and maintenance of compensatory afforestation	Sl. No.	DD No. and Date	Amount paid (in Rs.)	1	No: 028741 to 028755, dated:23-1-01995	1,48,25,000	2	No: 95664 dated:07-09-1994	1,75,000	3	No:040412 dated:11-03-2004	25,20,000	4	No:482792 dated:04-05-2004	68,70,000	Total		2,43,90,000
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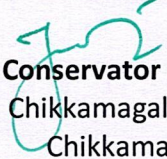
		plantation. As per the details furnished vide ref (9), the details with respect to raising and maintenance of CA Plantations the details are as below: <table><tr><th>SI No.</th><th>Division</th><th>Extent of CA Plantation raised (in ha)</th><th>KML File</th><th>Remarks</th></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>Shimoga</td><td>113.00</td><td>attached</td><td>-</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>Bhadravathi</td><td>60.00</td><td>attached</td><td>-</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>Mandya</td><td>145.00</td><td>attached</td><td>-</td></tr><tr><td>4</td><td>Shimoga</td><td>131.55</td><td>attached</td><td>Advance work carried out in the year 2024-25 and plantation will be raised in the year 2025-26</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">Total</td><td>449.55</td><td></td><td></td></tr></table> The KML files are attached in the form of CD. Compliance report is already submitted by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shivamogga Division in this regard.	SI No.	Division	Extent of CA Plantation raised (in ha)	KML File	Remarks	1	Shimoga	113.00	attached	-	2	Bhadravathi	60.00	attached	-	3	Mandya	145.00	attached	-	4	Shimoga	131.55	attached	Advance work carried out in the year 2024-25 and plantation will be raised in the year 2025-26	Total		449.55		
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4	Along the banks of the reservoir, plantations shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department.	Vide ref (9), the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shivamogga Division, Shivamogga has reported that towards raising and maintenance of plantations along the bank of the reservoir, an amount of Rs. 81.30 Lakhs has been paid by the user agency to the State Forest Department vide D.D No: 130917 dated:04-05-2004. With respect to raising and maintenance of plantations, advance work has already been carried out in the year 2024-25 and plantation will be raised in the year 2025-26. As per the details furnished vide ref (9), the details of the KML file of the advance work area has been attached in form of CD. Compliance report is already submitted by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shivamogga Division in this regard.																														
9	Islands of the Mandagadde Bird Sanctuary shall be raised sufficiently to avoid its sub merge at the project cost under supervisi	Islands of the Mandagadde Bird Sanctuary do not fall within jurisdiction of Koppa division. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shivamogga Division, Shivamogga has already submitted reported the compliance to this query.																														

	on of Wildlife wing of State Forest Department.	Compliance report has already been submitted by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shivamogga Division in this regard.		
10	All the safe guards and conditions stipulated by the Indian Board of Wildlife (IBWL) shall be strictly followed.	The safe guards and conditions stipulated by IBWL and the compliance with respect to the same are as below:		
		Sl No.	Safeguards/ Conditions	Compliance
		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 manangement of Bhadra Sanctuary and shettihally Sanctuary. A fool proof mechanism to receive and utilize the money shall be finalized by the State Government in consultation with MoEF	The user agency has deposited an amount of Rs. 15 crores to the Central Empowered Committee vide DD No. 068306 Dated: 11.08.2004. The amount which is presently with the CAMPA fund is yet to be released for utilization.
		2	The State Government will add an area of 3 sq.kms (300 ha.) to the Shettyhalli 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.	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 (Copy attached as Annexure A)
		3	Compensatory Afforestation as may be stipulated by the forest advisory Committee in an area not less than 550 ha. to be taken up.	As per the stipulation, and condition No. 2 of the stage-2 approval letter dated: 14.12.2004, as already explained above under condition No.2, CA has been raised and maintained over equivalent non-forest

				area.
		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 as observed by the IBWL has happened in contravention of the Forest (Conservation) Act 1980
		5	The reservoir will be the part Shettihalli Sanctuary and no fishing or any other commercial activity will be allowed.	The Shettihalli Sanctuary does not falls within jurisdiction of Koppa division. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shivamogga Division, Shivamogga has already been submitted report as a compliance to this query.
14	The catchment area treatment works shall be executed as per the plan under the supervision of the State Forest Department.	Vide ref (9), the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shivamogga Division, Shivamogga has reported that the user agency has paid an amount of Rs. 20.12 Crore to CAMPA A/C No: 15073ITTIG3321997619 (IFSC CORP0000633) through RTGS on dated: 06-09-2016. The amount deposited with the CAMPA fund is yet to be approved for utilization. Compliance report has already been submitted by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shivamogga Division in this regard.		

The compliance report submitted by Deputy Conservator of Forests, Koppa Division, Koppa has been verified and found acceptable. Hence, the same is submitted for your kind information to take further needful action.

Yours sincerely,


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