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Date: 07.05.2026.

To,

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FC)
and Nodal officer (FCA),
Aranya Bhavan, Bangalore.

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 177.091 hectare of Forest land in Devalli, Payaswadi, Atle and 21 other villages in Dharwad, Haliyal Dandeli Wildlife (Kali Tiger Reserve) and Belagavi Divisions) for laying of Goa-tamnar 400 Kv Dc Quad Transmission line (I.H.O Project) in favor of manager, Goa-Transmission Project Limited. F1 Mira Corporate Suite. Main Mathura Road, Ishwar Nagar, New Delhi.

Ref 1. Letter from office of PCCF (FC) and Nodal officer (FCA)
Dated:07-12-2025.

2. Govt of Karnataka letter No FEE/8/FLL/2021 (e) dated 09-12-2025 and 12-12-2026.
3. Government of India, MoEF & CC, Regional office, Banaglore dated: 11-02-2026. (EDS)
4. Letter from office of PCCF (FC) and Nodal officer (FCA) Dated: 24-02-2026
5. Report from Deputy Conservator of Forests, Dharwad Division, Dharwad dated: 29-04-2026.

With respect to above, vide reference (1) PCCF (FC) and Nodal officer (FCA) had submitted the additional information as sought by Government of Karnataka for seeking Stage-I approval under section 2 of the VSES Adhiniyam 1980 & VSES Rules 2023. Accordingly, Govt of Karnataka vide ref (2) letter dated 09-12-2025 had forwarded the same to Government of India.

In response, the Government of India vide ref (3) has raised EDS query. Hence, PCCF (FC) and Nodal officer (FCA) vide ref (4) has directed to submit the information sought by Government of India.

Hence, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Dharwad Division, Dharwad vide ref (4) has submitted the reply for the EDS raised by GOI as below and processed the same in parivesh portal.

SI No	Query	Reply
01	<p>The DFL (Degraded Forest land) Land identified for plantation is 16 ha in Varava- Nagalavi in Dharwad district, but the suitability certificate is submitted for 10 Ha only. The State Government is required to submit the revised Site suitability Certificate.</p>	<p>DCF Dharwad reported that the suitable Degraded Forest land for Compensatory afforestation with less than 0.4 canopy density is not available in the Dharwad division.</p> <p>Hence, with prior permission of PCCF (FC) and nodal officer (FCA) the DFL land for Compensatory afforestation for entire project for 350 Ha is provided in the Gadag and Haveri divisions. The required KML, suitability certificate, maps are uploaded in parivesh portal and submitted for further action.</p> <p>Hence, this EDS query is resolved.</p>
02	<p>As per DSS analysis, the DFL land identified for plantation is 16 ha in Varava- Nagalavi in Dharwad district was found to have thick vegetation density. Hence, it is requested to verify the canopy density of the identified DFL land and ensure the land proposed for CA has canopy density of less than 0.4. If identified DFL land is found to have a canopy density of 0.4 or more, it is requested that the alternative DFL land with prescribed canopy density shall be identified.</p>	<p>The DFL land previously identified for raising Compensatory afforestation for plantation for 16 ha in Varava- Nagalavi in Dharwad district is found to have more than 0.4 canopy density.</p> <p>DCF Dharwad reported that the suitable Degraded Forest land for Compensatory afforestation with less than 0.4 canopy density is not available in the Dharwad division.</p> <p>Hence, with prior permission of PCCF (FC) and nodal officer (FCA) the DFL land for Compensatory afforestation for entire project for 350 Ha is provided in the Gadag and Haveri divisions. The required KML, suitability certificate, maps are uploaded in parivesh portal and submitted for further action.</p> <p>Hence, this EDS query is resolved.</p>
03	<p>The State government is requested to offer its comments on whether any court cases / litigations are pending in any court w.r.t this proposal</p>	<p>There are no court cases / litigations pending in any court w.r.t this proposal.</p>

The above information is submitted for kind perusal and necessary action.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Waddy 07/05
Chief Conservator of Forests,
Dharwad Circle, Dharwad.

Copy to: Deputy Conservator of Forests, Dharwad, Gadag & Haveri Division for information.