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Date: As per e-sign

To,

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Forest, Environment and Ecology 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 02-12-2025 [*EDS reply*].
 2. Government of Karnataka letter No. FEE 42 FLL 2021 (e) dated 03-12-2025 [*EDS reply forwarded to GOI*] and 12-03-2026 [*communication of GOI EDS query*].
 3. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Regional Office (Southern Zone), Bengaluru letter F.No. 4-KRC1298/2021-BAN/172 dated 23-02-2026 [*EDS query*].
 4. Chief Conservator of Forests, Shivamogga Circle letter No. A11/FC/220KVKangalkoppa/GL-83/2020-21 dated 16-03-2026.

With reference to the above proposal additional information submitted by this office vide Ref (1) and by the Government of Karnataka vide Ref (2) letter dated 03-12-2025, the Government of India vide Ref (3) has raised an EDS Query on seven certain points. The same has been communicated by the Government of Karnataka vide Ref (2) letter dated 12-03-2026 to this office. Comments on the EDS was solicited from the field officers.

In response, the Chief Conservator of Forests, Shivamogga circle vide Ref (4) has submitted the information sought by the Government of India to this office through FC web portal.

Based on the reply furnished by the field officers and the information available in the proposal, the following reply is submitted to the query raised by Government of India.

Govt of India EDS No. 1
Consolidated KML file of all the projects related to Upper Bhadra along with the details of the proposals.

Remarks to EDS No. 1

There are total of 6 Forest clearance proposal applied under Upper Bhadra Project. Out of 6 proposals, 3 proposals have got the Stage-2 Forest clearance and the remaining 3 proposals are yet to reach the Stage-1 approval-level. The details of the 6 proposals are here under.

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The details of CA lands pertaining to the said projects are as below:

Sl No	Proposal No.	Diversi on Area (Ha)	CA land					Remarks
			Division	Taluk	Village	Sy No	Extent (ha)	
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2	FP/KA/ IRRIG/ 6500/2009	110.10						
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4	FP/KA/ TRANS/ 42309/2019	7.53	Shivamogga	Shivamogga	Konagavalli	56	7.00	Degraded Forest land
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Govt of India EDS No. 2

KML files clearly demarcating the fresh diversion and Re-diversion areas proposed.

Remarks to EDS No. 2

Under Forest clearance proposal No: FP/KA/TRANS/42309/2019, the Fresh Diversion (Area proposed for fresh Diversion in anticipation of declaring reservoir area as PF) of 3.4007 Ha and Re-diversion (Area proposed for Re-diversion in the already submerged forest land) of 4.1293 Ha forest land has been requested. The area details of fresh diversion and re-diversion are provided in Annexure-12. The KML files clearly demarcating the fresh diversion and Re-diversion areas proposed and sketch depicting the same are annexed as Annexure-13 and Annexure-14 and soft copy is provided in the CD attached to the letter.

Govt of India EDS No. 3

Complete compliance to condition no 2, 3, 4 and 10 to be submitted.

Remarks to EDS No. 3

The compliance with respect to the conditions stipulated under condition no. 2, 3, 4 and 10 of the Stage-II Approval of the UTP Project is provided as below.

Sl. No. of the Conditions stipulated for UTP	Condition stipulated	Compliance																
2	Compensatory afforestation shall be raised and maintained over equivalent non-forest land by the State forest department.	<p>The details of equivalent Compensatory afforestation raised is as below,</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Sl No</th> <th>Division</th> <th>Extent (Ha)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>Bhadrvathi</td> <td>60.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>Mandya</td> <td>145.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td rowspan="2">3</td> <td rowspan="2">Shivamogga</td> <td>113.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>131.55</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Total</td> <td>449.55</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 60 Hectare CA raised in Bhadravathi division are in 3 patches. The details of the same are provided in Annexure-15. The hard copy of the KML file is annexed as Annexure-16 and soft copies are provided in the CD attached to the letter. 145 Hectare CA raised in Mandya 	Sl No	Division	Extent (Ha)	1	Bhadrvathi	60.00	2	Mandya	145.00	3	Shivamogga	113.00	131.55	Total		449.55
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		<p>division are in 10 patches. The details of the same are provided in Annexure-17. The hard copy of the KML file is annexed as Annexure-18 and soft copies are provided in the CD attached to the letter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 113 Hectare CA raised in Shivamogga division are in 8 patches. The details of the same are provided in Annexure-19. The hard copy of the KML file is annexed as Annexure-20 and soft copies are provided in the CD attached to the letter. • 131.55 Hectare (Gross area 345.65 Ha) CA raised in Shivamogga division are in 18 patches. The details of the same are provided in Annexure-21. The hard copy of the KML file is annexed as Annexure-22 and soft copies are provided in the CD attached to the letter.
3	<p>The non-forest land for compensatory afforestation, shall be notified by the State Government as RF under section-4 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or the State Forest Act within a period of 6 months and Nodal officer (Forest Conservation) shall report the compliance.</p>	<p>An extent of 520.95 Ha (against 449.55 Ha diverted forest area) Compensatory Afforestation (CA) land has been declared as RF vide Notification No. FEE 40 FAF 2003, Bengaluru dated: 06-01-2004. The copy of the notification is Annexed as Annexure-23.</p>
4	<p>Along the banks of the reservoir, plantations shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department.</p>	<p>An extent of 33.00 Ha (Gross area 89.02 Ha) plantations has been raised along the banks of the reservoir under Shivamogga Division in the year 2025.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The details of 33.00 ha (Gross area 89.05 Ha) plantations raised is provided in the table annexed as Annexure-24. • 33.00 Hectare (Gross area 89.05 Ha) plantations raised in the banks of reservoir are in 4 patches. The hard copy of the KML file is annexed as Annexure-25 and soft copies are

		<p>provided in the CD attached to the letter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The species raised in the river bank plantation includes Ficus, Jamun, Jack Fruit, Artocarpus (Hebbalasu), Embalica, Sandal, Small Bamboo, Terminalia Arjuna and others.
10	All the safeguards and conditions stipulated by the Indian Board of Wildlife (IBWL) shall be strictly followed.	The safe guards and conditions stipulated by IBWL have been complied with and the compliance with respect to the same are as below:
10(1)	<p>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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The user agency has deposited an amount of Rs. 15 crores to the Central Empowered Committee vide DD No. 068306 Dated: 11.08.2004. CCF Shivamogga vide letter dated:25.06.2025 has requested to release the deposit amount of 15.00 Crores to Bhadra Tiger Conservation Foundation, so that the same may be used as revolving fund as per the condition and to utilize the same for the management of Bhadra and Shettihalli wildlife sanctuary. Copy of the said CCF letter is Annexed as ANNEXURE-26. On 22.02.2026 PCCF, FC and Nodal Officer (VSCSA) requested Central Empower Committee to transfer the said Rs. 15.00 Crores to the State CAMPA. Copy of the said PCCF letter is enclosed as ANNEXURE-27. On 24.02.2026 CEC has written to PCCF, FC and Nodal Officer (VSESA) stating that the fund has already been transferred to the Adhoc-CAMPA, in the form of fixed deposits receipts (FDRs). Copy of the said CEC letter is enclosed as ANNEXURE-28. On 04-03-2026 PCCF (CAMPA) has requested the Chief Executive Officer,

		<p>National CAMPA to transfer the said Rs. 15.00 Crores to the State CAMPA. Copy of the said PCCF (CAMPA) letter is enclosed as ANNEXURE-29.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As soon as the fund is released from CAMPA to the account of Bhadra Tiger Conservation Foundation, the same would be kept as revolving fund and the proceeds generated from the fund would be utilized for the management of Bhadra Sanctuary and Shettihalli Sanctuary.
10(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 2795.63 ha. has been added as buffer area to the Bhadra Tiger Reserve vide Notification No. FEE 42 FWL 2025 Dated: 27.03.2025. Copy of the said notification is enclosed as ANNEXURE-30 .
10(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.
10(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.
10(5)	The reservoir will be the part of Shettihalli Sanctuary and no fishing or any other commercial activity will be allowed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To comply with the condition no. 11 of the Stage-II approval, 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. Copy of the said notification is

		<p>Annexed as Annexure-31.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> While considering the proposal of re-notifying the boundaries of Shettihalli WLS, the NBWL in the 50th, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th and 80th meetings that were held on:26.09.2018, 25.04.2023, 17.07.2023, 29.08.2023, 17.11.2023, 31.07.2024 and 09.10.2024, discussed about the feasibility of adding adjoining areas like Chornadahalli SF and Kaithotlu MF to the Shettihalli WLS area and finally decided in the 80th meeting dated:09.10.2024 as below: <p>Decision Taken:</p> <p>After discussions the standing committee decided to recommend the proposal for alteration of boundaries of Shettihalli WLS with an area of 395.608 Sq Kms excluding 300 Sq. Kms from the inadvertent area of 695.608 Sq. Kms subject to the condition that the notification for alteration of boundaries of Shettihalli Sanctuary would be issued only after issuance of notification for alteration of boundaries of Bhadra Tiger Reserve by including Chornadahalli SF and Kaithotlu MF in the buffer zone of the Tiger Reserve Copy of the said proceeding of the 80th meeting of NBWL is enclosed as ANNEXURE-32.</p>
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Govt of India EDS No. 4

Proposal for amending the conditions no 9 (Mandagadde Bird Sanctuary) as per the technical report submitted by CWLW, Govt. of Karnataka shall be submitted to MoEF & CC, New Delhi.

Remarks to EDS No. 4

- An amount of Rs. 20.00 Lakhs has been deposited by the user agency to PCCF, Bangalore vide DD No. 95664 Dated: 07.09.1994, DD No. 95665 Dated: 07.09.1994 and DD No. 95666 Dated: 07.09.1994. towards the development of Mandagadde Bird Sanctuary. Thus, there is nothing due from User-Agency in this matter.
- With respect to execution of the development of Islands of Mandagadde, in view of technical reasons like lack of continuous flowing water and insufficient dissolved oxygen levels, PCCF (Wildlife), Bangalore, in his technical report Dated:29.03.2004 submitted to Government of Karnataka, suggested to drop the proposal of raising the height of the Island and also suggested to utilize the amount deposited by the user agency with the Forest Department when exigency arises. Copy of the technical report of the PCCF(WL) dated:29.03.2004 is enclosed as **ANNEXURE-33**.
- Further, it is submitted that in the recent years, birds have started roosting on an island that is located near the dam in river Tunga. On 03.03.2026, PCCF (Wild life) visited this newly identified island. Further, PCCF (Wild life) has given instructions to take-up development of this newly identified island by planting species viz Vitex, stabilization of steep banks using gabion structures etc. Thus, the above-mentioned Rs. 20 Lakh already deposited by the User-Agency shall be spent for this newly identified island.

Govt of India EDS No. 5

The CAT plan has to be complied with.

Remarks to EDS No. 5

- 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.
- Further, a comprehensive catchment area treatment plan with a project cost of Rs. 20.12 Crores has been prepared and submitted for the approval and fund release. The action plan containing the year wise details of works proposed to be carried out and budgetary requirements for the year 2025-26 to 2030-31 is provided in **ANNEXURE-34**.
- An amount of Rs. 93.88 Lakhs has already been released to Koppa division for the implementation of CATP works vide PCCF(CAMPA) letter dated: 11.11.2025. The amount of 93.88 Lakhs released for the implementation of catchment area treatment plan has been utilized in the year 2026. The remaining works of the CATP would be taken from the year 2026-27 to 2030-31 as proposed in the CATP.

Govt of India EDS No. 6

CA Suitability certificate does not mention density of the forest area. The revised CA
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Govt of India EDS No. 6

Suitability certificate shall be submitted.

Remarks to EDS No. 6

The revised CA suitability certificate stating the canopy density as 0.35 has been submitted. Copy of the same is provided as **ANNEXURE-35**. Hard copy of the KML file showing the 7.00 ha degraded forest land proposed for raising the Compensatory Afforestation is provided as **ANNEXURE-36**.

Govt of India EDS No. 7

Analysis of KML files of the CA land reveals that the KML files of the Shimoga Division CA plantations i.e. 113 ha and 131.55 ha are overlapping with each other. The revised correct KML files shall be submitted.

Remarks to EDS No. 7

- It is to submit that an extent of 113.00 ha CA plantations raised in the year 2011-12 in Shivamogga Division are in 8 patches. Area and the location details of the said 8 patches of plantations is provided as Annexure-19. The hard copy of the KML file is enclosed as **ANNEXURE-20** and soft copies are provided in the CD attached to the letter.
- An extent of 131.55 ha CA plantation raised in the year 2025-26 has been planted in a gross planting area of 345.65 ha which is in 18 patches. An extent of 58.26 ha gross planted area overlapping on previously planted area in the year 2011-12 where the seedling survival was poor is in 6 patches (Patch no. 1, 2, 5, 9, 12, 16). The table containing gross planted area and number of seedlings planted in the said 18 patches is provided as Annexure-21. The hard copy of the KML file of 18 patches is enclosed as **ANNEXURE-22** and soft copies are provided in the CD attached to the letter.

It is requested to forward the above information to the Government of India in response to the EDS query dated 23-02-2026 for further needful.

Yours Sincerely

**Digitally signed by
MAHESH BASAVARAJ SHIRUR
Date: 31-03-2026 16:15:07**

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Conservation) and Nodal Officer (VSESA)

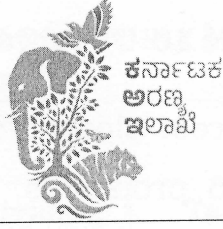
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1. Chief Conservator of Forests, Shivamogga Circle for information.
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3. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shivamogga Division for information.

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5. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Koppa Division for information.
6. Executive Engineer, VJNL, UBP Division-02, B.R. Project, Bhadravathi Taluk, Shivamogga – 577115 for information.

Government of Karnataka

No:A11/FC/220KV
Kangalkoppa/GL-83/2020-
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**Office of Chief Conservator of Forests,
Shimoga Circle, Shimoga**
Ph:08182-240385
Place: Shimoga,
Dated:16.03.2026

To,

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

Sir,

Sub :- Submission of compliance report with respect to the observations made in the REC dated:06.02.2026 while considering the Proposal No: FP/KA/TRANS/ 42309/2019 related to Re-division 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.

Ref :- 1. Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central), MoEF, Integrated Regional office, Kendriyasadana, Koramangala, Bengaluru office letter No: F.No.4 KRC1298/2021 BAN dated: 23.02.2026

With reference to the above subject, as directed in the letter cited under ref(1), the compliance report prepared on the basis of information obtained from the User Agency and the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests with respect to the following 7 observation points made in the REC meeting dated:06.02.2026 is submitted as below and in the form of PPT both in hard copy and soft copy for your kind perusal and further needful action.

Observation Sl No	Observation
1	Consolidated KML file of all the projects related to Upper Bhadra along with the details of the proposals.

Compliance to Observation No. 1

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3	Complete compliance to condition no 2, 3, 4 and 10 to be submitted.

Compliance to Observation No. 3

The compliance with respect to the conditions stipulated under condition no. 2, 3, 4 and 10 of the Stage-II approval of the UTP project is provided as below.

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		<p>annexed as Annexure-16 and soft copies are provided in the CD attached to the letter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 145 Hectare CA raised in Mandya division are in 10 patches. The details of the same are provided in Annexure-17. The hard copy of the KML file is annexed as Annexure-18 and soft copies are provided in the CD attached to the letter. • 113 Hectare CA raised in Shivamogga division are in 8 patches. The details of the same are provided in Annexure-19. The hard copy of the KML file is annexed as Annexure-20 and soft copies are provided in the CD attached to the letter. • 131.55 Hectare (Gross area 345.65 Ha) CA raised in Shivamogga division are in 18 patches. The details of the same are provided in Annexure-21. The hard copy of the KML file is annexed as Annexure-22 and soft copies are provided in the CD attached to the letter.
3	<p>The non-forest land for compensatory afforestation, shall be notified by the State Government as RF under section-4 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or the State Forest Act within a period of 6 months and Nodal officer (Forest Conservation) shall report the compliance.</p>	<p>An extent of 520.95 Ha (against 449.55 Ha diverted forest area) Compensatory Afforestation (CA) land has been declared as RF vide Notification No. AaPaJi 40 FAF 2003, Bengaluru dated: 06-01-2004. The copy of the notification is Annexed as Annexure-23.</p>
4	<p>Along the banks of the reservoir, plantations shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department.</p>	<p>An extent of 33.00 Ha (Gross area 89.02 Ha) plantations has been raised along the banks of the reservoir under Shivamogga Division in the year 2025.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The details of 33.00 ha (Gross

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		<p>area 89.05 Ha) plantations raised is provided in the table annexed as Annexure-24.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 33.00 Hectare (Gross area 89.05 Ha) plantations raised in the banks of reservoir are in 4 patches. The hard copy of the KML file is annexed as Annexure-25 and soft copies are provided in the CD attached to the letter. • The species raised in the river bank plantation includes Ficus, Jamun, Jack Fruit, Artocarpus (Hebbalasu), Embalica, Sandal, Small Bamboo, Terminalia Arjuna and others.
10	All the safeguards and conditions stipulated by the Indian Board of Wildlife (IBWL) shall be strictly followed.	The safe guards and conditions stipulated by IBWL have been complied with and the compliance with respect to the same are as below:
10(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 Shettihally Sanctuary. A fool proof mechanism to receive and utilize the money shall be finalized by the State Government in consultation with MoEF.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The user agency has deposited an amount of Rs. 15 crores to the Central Empowered Committee vide DD No. 068306 Dated: 11.08.2004. • CCF Shimoga vide letter dated:25.06.2025 has requested to to release the deposit amount of 15.00 Crores to Bhadra Tiger Conservation Foundation, so that the same may be used as revolving fund as per the condition and to utilize the same for the management of Bhadra and Shettihally wildlife sanctuary. Copy of the said CCF letter is Annexed as Annexure-26. • On 22.02.2026 PCCF, FC and Nodal Officer (VSCSA) requested Central Empower Committee to transfer the said Rs. 15.00 Crores to the State CAMPA. Copy of the said PCCF letter is Annexed as Annexure-27. • On 24.02.2026 CEC has written to PCCF, FC and Nodal Officer

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		<p>(VSCSA) stating that the fund has already been transferred to the Adhoc-CAMPA, in the form of fixed deposits receipts (FDRs). Copy of the said CEC letter is Annexed as Annexure-28.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On 04-03-2026 PCCF (CAMPA) has requested the Chief Executive Officer, National CAMPA to transfer the said Rs. 15.00 Crores to the State CAMPA. Copy of the said PCCF (CAMPA) letter is Annexed as Annexure-29. • As soon as the fund is released from CAMPA to the account of Bhadra Tiger Conservation Foundation, the same would be kept as revolving fund and the proceeds generated from the fund would be utilized for the management of Bhadra Sanctuary and shettihally Sanctuary.
10(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 2795.63 ha. has been added as buffer area to the Bhadra Tiger Reserve vide Notification No. FEE 42 FWL 2025 Dated: 27.03.2025. Copy of the said notification is Annexed as Annexure-30 .
10(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.
10(4)	Responsibility for initiating the work in non-forest area in violation of the guideline issued under Forest (Conservation) Act. 1980	No such violation as observed by the IBWL has happened in contravention of the Forest (Conservation) Act 1980.

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10(5)	<p>be fixed.</p> <p>The reservoir will be the part of Shettihalli Sanctuary and no fishing or any other commercial activity will be allowed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To comply with the condition no. 11 of the Stage-II approval, 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 Shettihally WLS. Copy of the said notification is Annexed as Annexure-31. • While considering the proposal of re-notifying the boundaries of Shettihalli WLS, the NBWL in the 50th, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th and 80th meetings that were held on:26.09.2018, 25.04.2023, 17.07.2023, 29.08.2023, 17.11.2023, 31.07.2024 and 09.10.2024, discussed about the feasibility of adding adjoining areas like Chornadahalli SF and Kaithotlu MF to the Shettihalli WLS area and finally decided in the 80th meeting dated:09.10.2024 as below: • Decision Taken: After discussions the standing committee decided to recommend the proposal for alteration of boundaries of Shettihalli WLS with an area of 395.608 Sq Kms excluding 300 Sq. Kms from the inadvertent area of 695.608 Sq. Kms subject to the condition that the notification for alteration of boundaries of Shettihalli Sanctuary would be issued only after issuance of notification for alteration of boundaries of Bhadra Tiger Reserve by including Chornadahalli SF and Kaithotlu MF in the buffer zone of the Tiger Reserve Copy of the said proceeding of the

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		80 th meeting of NBWL is Annexed as Annexure-32.

Observation Sl No	Observation
4	Proposal for amending the conditions no 9 (Mandagadde Bird Sanctuary) as per the technical report submitted by CWLW, Govt. of Karnataka shall be submitted to MoEF & CC, New Delhi.

Compliance to Observation No. 4

- An amount of Rs. 20.00 Lakhs has been deposited by the user agency to PCCF, Bangalore vide DD No. 95664 Dated: 07.09.1994, DD No. 95665 Dated: 07.09.1994 and DD No. 95666 Dated: 07.09.1994. towards the development of Mandagadde Bird Sanctuary.
- With respect to execution of the development of Islands of Mandagadde, in view of technical reasons like lack of continuous flowing water and insufficient dissolved oxygen levels, PCCF (Wildlife), Bangalore, in his technical report Dated:29.03.2004 submitted to Government of Karnataka suggested to drop the proposal of raising the height of the Island and suggested to utilize the amount deposited by the user agency with the Forest Department when exigency arises. Copy of the technical report of the PCCF(WL) dated:29.03.2004 is Annexed as **Annexure-33.**
- Further, it is to submit that in the last one year, birds in small numbers have started preferring a small island, which is very close to the Tunga dam site. Recently, PCCF (Wild life) visited the Tunga dam area on 03.03.2026 and during when he has given instructions to take up the work of developing the newly identified area in the form of planting suitable species like mainly Vitex for roosting of the birds and stabilization of the bank of the newly identified area using gabion structures.

Observation Sl No	Observation
5	The CAT plan has to be complied with.

Compliance to Observation No. 5

- 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.
- Further, a comprehensive catchment area treatment plan with a project cost of Rs. 20.12 Crores has been prepared and submitted for the approval and fund release. The action plan containing the year wise details of works proposed to be carried out and budgetary requirements for the year 2025-26 to 2030-31 is provided in **Annexure-34**.
- An amount of Rs. 93.88 Lakhs has already been released to Koppa division for the implementation of CATP works vide PCCF(CAMPA) letter dated: 11.11.2025. The amount of 93.88 Lakhs released for the implementation of catchment area treatment plan has been utilized in the year 2026. The remaining works of the CATP would be taken from the year 2026-27 to 2030-31 as proposed in the CATP.

Observation Sl No	Observation
6	CA Suitability certificate does not mention density of the forest area. The revised CA Suitability certificate shall be submitted.

Compliance to Observation No. 6

The revised CA suitability certificate stating the canopy density as 0.35 has been submitted. Copy of the same is provided as **Annexure-35**. Hard copy of the KML file showing the 7.00 ha degraded forest land proposed for raising the Compensatory Afforestation is provided as **Annexure-36**.

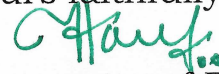
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7	Analysis of KML files of the CA land reveals that he KML files of the Shimoga Division CA plantations i.e. 113 ha and 131.55 ha are overlapping with each other. The revised correct KML files shall be submitted.

Compliance to Observation No. 7

- It is to submit that an extent of 113.00 ha CA plantations raised in the year 2011-12 in Shivamogga Division are in 8 patches. Area and the location details of the said 8 patches of plantations is provided as **Annexure-19**. The hard copy of the KML file is annexed as **Annexure-20** and soft copies are provided in the CD attached to the letter.
- An extent of 131.55 ha CA plantation raised in the year 2025-26 has been planted in a gross planting area of 345.65 ha which is in 18 patches. An

extent of 58.26 ha gross planted area overlapping on previously planted area in the year 2011-12 where the seedling survival was poor is in 6 patches (Patch no. 1, 2, 5, 9, 12, 16). The table containing gross planted area and number of seedling planted in the said 18 patches is provided as **Annexure-21**. The hard copy of the KML file of 18 patches is annexed as **Annexure-22** and soft copies are provided in the CD attached to the letter.

Yours faithfully,



Chief Conservator of Forests,
Shimoga Circle, Shimoga

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