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No: B2/GFL/ Quarry/CR-17/2021-22

Date: 22-01-2025.

To,

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Forest Conservation) and Nodal Officer (FCA) Aranya Bhavan, Malleshwaram 18th cross, Bangalore-560003

Sir.

SUB: Diversion of 8.80388 ha. of forest land in Sy.No. 52A1A of Arga Village, Baad Hobli, Karwar Taluk, Uttar Kannada District for establishing stone quarry, dumping yards and its approach road in favour of M/s. Ramshree Construction Company, Kodibag, Karwar reg.

Proposal No: FP/KA/QRY/31539/2018(FORM-A)

- REF:1) Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment forest & Climate Change, Bengaluru's letter No: 4KRC/1352/2022/BAN/166 dated:03-05-2022
 - 2) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation) and Nodal Officer (FCA), Bangalore letter No: KFD/HOFF/A5-2 (GFL)/42/2020-FC, E-316958 dated:01-06-2022 and 17-12-2022
 - 3) This office letter even Number dated: 21-05-2022, 2-6-2022, 19-12-2022 and 17-3-2023.
 - 4) Deputy Conservator of Forests, Karwar Division, Karwar letter No: B4/GFL/CR-12/2019-20/2025 dated:15-01-2025
 - 5) M/s. Shivaprasad Industries, Kodibag, Karwar's letter No: SI/KWR/CF/ 2024-25/105 dated: 05-07-2024
 - 6) Range Forest Officer Karwars letter No: RFO/Ka/Diversion/2024-25 dtd: 25-7-2024through Assistant Conservator of Forests, Karwar Subdivision, Karwar's letter No:C3/ACF/Bhoomi/QRY/FCA/CR-/2024-25/220 dated:26-07-2024

With reference to the above, as per the directions of Ministry of Environment, forest & Climate Change, Regional Office, Bengaluru, Govt. of India, cited at reference (1) the information/ clarification has been submitted vide this office letter dated: 21-05-2022 cited at reference (3).

As per Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation) and Nodal Officer (FCA), Bangalore's direction dated: 17-12-2022 cited at reference (2), the User Agency has submitted the quarry plan from Sree Kumary G., #481, Sri. Vainatheya Kruppa, 8th Main Road, Doddabommasandra, Vidyaranyapura, Bengaluru authorized person from the competent authority i.e. Director, Department of Mines and Geology, Bengaluru vide letter cited at reference (5). Accordingly again the clarification/information along with approved quarry plan is submitted as under for onward submission to Govt. of India through proper channel.

Justification for opening new quarry as per para 7.8 of the Handbook of Forest (Conservation)Act, 1980:

In Arga Village forest Sy. No. 52A1A, 0.494ha was diverted for stone quarry for M/s. Ramshree Construction Company, Kodibag, Karwar as per Stage-II order of GOI No:4-KRB-754/ 2010-BAN/1531 dated:13-7-2012 and GOK No:FEE-160-FFM-2010 dated:13-8-2021. There was a rediversion of 0.051 ha for the expansion of NH-66(17) in Goa-Karnataka Border-Kundapur section as per GOI order No:F.No.4-KRA-973/2013-BAN/ 698 dtd: 07-10-2020 and GOK order No:APJ/37/FLL/2020 dated: 7-11-2020. Because of re-diversion of forest land to NH-66(17) there is issue of safe distance from National Highway which may lead to closure of quarry. Even though there is a lease period, Also the safe zone prevents the quarrying. Also there is a huge demand of stone quarry material for various developmental projects in the coastal areas especially in Karwar and Ankola taluk. The extent of private land holding is very less and the District includes almost 80% of the geographical area under forest. There is no Government land and /or of private land for quarry purpose. Karwar city is enclosed with Arabian sea in the west side and reserve forest all around. There is a need for stones/boulders for various Government project as well as other developmental projects.

Therefore proposal for opening new quarry is submitted. The compliance to the conditions of previous approval is enclosed.

The CA scheme uploaded on the Parivesh Web portal is not visible. Therefore, proper CA scheme may be furnished and the same may be uploaded in the The proper CA scheme is already furnished and uploaded in the PARIVESH web portal. Copy of the same is enclosed.

	PARIVESH web portal.	
3	Clear map depicting various components of quarry for proposed diversion may be furnished.	Clear map depicting various components of quarry for proposed diversion is already furnished. Copy enclosed.
4	As per the components wise break up of land furnished in FORM A for the proposed quarry, crushing unit and road to an extent of 0.455 ha. is mentioned as non forest land. however, said components appears to the inside the forest land. therefore, legal status of land required for crushing unit may be furnished.	As per the component-wise break up of land furnished in FORM-A for the proposed quarry, crushing unit and road to an extent of 0.455 ha. is mentioned as non forest land. The record of Right of the said land i.e Sy. No.52A2, 52A3, 52B is enclosed. The partly dumping yard which is in the list of before 1978 encroachment list, which has been communicated to the Government for regularisation. That portion is also included in the present proposal.
5	As per the KML file/Google image of CA land the area proposed CA appears to have thick vegetation it is, therefore, requested to clarify whether 1000 plants per ha. can be planted in the identified non forest land for raising.CA.	The area proposed CA appears to have vegetation. This private land was abandoned due to crop raiding by wild animals. The area is just adjacent to forest land and forms contiguous patch of forest. It will help in consolidation of forest and also good habitat for wildlife. It is, therefore, proposed for raising of 400 plants per ha in the identified non forest land.
6	Quarry plan approved from the competent authority.	The User Agency has submitted the quarry plan from Sree Kumary G., #481, Sri.Vainatheya Kruppa, 8th Main Road, Doddabommasandra, Vidyaranyapura, Bengaluru authorized person from the competent authority i.e. Director, Department of Mines and Geology, Bengaluru.
7	Status of Environment clearance.	It will be taken up with Environmental department.

Further, the user agency has stated that, as per the directions of Department of Mines and Geology which mentioned that under Karnataka Sub Mine Concessions Rule 1994 Amendment 2023, Rule 31ZC says that the name of the applicant for the Quarry and the Crusher (Form 'C') should be one and the same. As we already have been granted crusher license under Form 'C' No: 23/DMG/UKD/CL/2020-21/1374 dated:18-12-2020 in the name of M/s. Shivaprasad Industries. Hence as per the requirements of Department of Mines and Geology, we submitted the proposal through proper channel

for the change in applicant name for this quarry from M/s. Ramshree Construction Company to M/s. Shivaprasad Industries as owners of M/s. Ramshree Construction Company and M/s. Shivaprasad Industries are one and the same and we have been intimated by the concerned authority that, the name of the applicant for diversion of 8.80388 ha. forest land in F.Sy. No. 52A1A of Arga Village, Baad Hobli, Karwar Taluk, Uttar Kannada District for establishing stone quarry, dumping yards has been changed from M/s. Ramshree Construction Company to M/s. Shivaprasad Industries and as per the guidelines of the Mines and Geology the sketch has been revised and total area remains same.

The above proposed area has been inspected by Deputy Conservator of Forests, Karwar Division, Karwar on 30-07-2024 along with Assistant Conservator of Forests, Karwar Sub-division, Karwar and Range Forest Officer, Karwar as per proposed quarry map and approved quarry plan map in little variations. But overall area is same. In this regard the User Agency has stated that, as per the guidelines of the Mines and Geology the sketch has been revised and total area remains same. The reply may be considered and proposal may be approved as per Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023.

Hence, the report and proposal submitted by Deputy Conservator of Forests, Karwar Division, Karwar is attached with this letter for your kind information and for necessary action.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Conservator of Forests, 22. 01.2025

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