



Karnataka Forest Department

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B1/Bhoomi/FC/ROAD/156224/2022

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To

Chief Conservator of Forest
Shimoga Circle, Shimoga

11 AUG 2023

Respected Sir,

Proposal No.FP/KA/ROAD/156224/2022

Subject: Diversion of 18.844 Ha of Forest Land in Hosanagara (T), Shimoga (D) for Construction of 2L+PS Road from km 55.60 to km 90.70 Mavina koppa of NH 766 C with Major Bridges across Sharavathi Back Water-Reg.

- Reference:**
1. The Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Bangalore letter No. F. No.4-KRC1400/2022-BAN/1080 Dt: 13.12.2022
 2. This Office Letters Dated: 23.09.2022, 02.01.2023 & 16.05.2023.
 3. Executive Engineer, National Highway Division, Shimoga, Office letter No. EE/NHD/SMG/AE-1/Re-align/NH766C/Km 56 to 89/2023-24/843 Dt: 10.08.2023
 4. Range Forest Officer, Nagara Range, Nagara Office Letter No. 344/2023-24 Dt: 10.08.2023
 5. Assistant Conservator of Forests, Hosanagara Sub Division, Hosnagara Office Letter No. 328/2023-24 Dt: 10.08.2023

With the reference to the above subject, the user agency i.e. Executive Engineer, National Highway Division, Shimoga has submitted a proposal (No.FP/KA/ROAD/156224/2022) for the release of 18.844 Ha of forest land for the "Construction of 2L+PS Road from km 55.60 to km 90.70 Mavina koppa of NH 766 C with Major Bridges across Sharavathi Back Water". After the site inspection by unit officers the proposal was submitted to Chief Conservator of Forest,

Shimoga circle on 23.09.2022 vide reference no. (2) and uploaded all the necessary information in Parivesh portal.

With respect to the said project, in Ref(1) The Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Bangalore raised EDS seeking additional information regarding corrections to be made in Part-I of Parivesh Web-Portal by User Agency, NOC from MPM and KPC in the proposed diversion land, Submission of Wildlife Mitigation Plan and Clarification regarding Eco-Sensitive Zone.

With respect to the Ref(1), this office raised EDS to the User Agency in Ref(2) Dated: 02.01.2023 seeking necessary information. The user agency uploaded necessary documents in the Part-I of Parivesh Portal and submitted the detailed report to this office in Ref(3). According to the report submitted by the user agency, information/clarifications sought with respect to the proposal for diversion of 18.844 Ha of forest land in various villages of Sagar Division for "Construction of 2L+PS Road from km 55.60 to km 90.70 Mavina koppa of NH 766 C with Major Bridges across Sharavathi Back Water", are furnished as below.

On verification of records and site inspection, it is found that the details furnished in the report along with the documents by the user agency are found to be factual.

Sl. No.	Clarifications sought by MoEF	Reply Furnished
1	The State Government has identified 38.00 Ha of degraded forest land for the Compensatory Afforestation in Sy. No. 48, 50 & 94 of Haniya and Sy. No. 27 & 65 Harathalu Village of Hosanagara Taluk, Shivamogga District. In this regard, it may be clarified whether the present project is a Central Government project being executed by the State Government, then the name of	The proposed project is a Central Government Project sanctioned by Ministry of Road Transport and Highway being executed by State PWD. Project sanction letter has been enclosed with this letter.

	<p>the user agency may be entered as MoRTH/Central Government Agencies in the Form-A of the application in the Parivesh portal as per Ministry guideline No. FC-11/50/2020-FC dated 18th August, 2020. Further it may be seen that for State sector projects, the user agency has to provide equivalent extent of non forest land for raising the Compensatory Afforestation.</p>	
2	<p>The KML file has been uploaded for the entire stretch of proposed road. Therefore, KML file of the forest area proposed for the diversion may be uploaded in PARIVESH.</p>	<p>The KML file of the proposed forest land for diversion has been uploaded in Part-I of Parivesh Web-portal.</p>
3	<p>It is seen that, 2.902 Ha of forest land proposed for diversion has been leased to Mysore Paper Mills Limited. Hence NOC from Mysore Paper Mills Limited may be furnished for the diversion of said portion of Forest land. It may also be noted that the proposed road is passing through the backwater of the Linganamkki Reservoir as per satellite imagery. Hence, NOC from Authorities of Linganamkki Reservoir may be obtained, if the said stretch of road falls in forest land.</p>	<p>Out of 18.844 Ha of forest land proposed for the diversion, 2.902 Ha of forest land is found to be leased to "Mysore Paper Mills Ltd. Bhadravathi". The Mysore Paper Mills Ltd. Provided NOC for the diversion of 2.902 Ha of leased forest land vide Letter No. MPM/FFR/DF/2023-24/012 Dt: 30.06.2023. The KPCL Provided NOC vide Letter No. CECS/K/NH766C/ NOC/1478 Dt: 24.01.2023. Both NOC Certificate are enclosed along with this letter.</p>

4	The Comments/Approval of CWLW on the mitigation plan proposed by DCF Sagar may be furnished	<p>The User Agency incorporated all the mitigation measures proposed by DCF Sagar and submitted a comprehensive Wildlife Mitigation Plan. The same plan is submitted to Chief Wildlife Warden, Bangalore through proper channel vide letter Ref(2) dated: 16.05.2022.</p> <p>Later, Chief Wildlife Warden, Bangalore suggested few corrections in the proposal vide letter no. PCCF(WL)/WL/D/ER-60/2021-22 Dt: 26.06.2023. Now all the necessary corrections are made in the proposal and the revised Wildlife Mitigation Plan is enclosed with this letter for approval from Chief Wildlife Warden, Bangalore.</p>
5	It may also be clarified whether the forest land proposed for diversion is part of Notified ESZ or Otherwise.	<p>As per the report of unit officers vide Ref(4) & (5), the proposed land for diversion does not fall within the limits of notified Eco-Sensitive Zone of Mukambika Wildlife Sanctuary. The Google map showing proposed diversion land and Notified Eco-Sensitive Boundary of Mukambika Wildlife Sanctuary is attached with this letter.</p>

Along with this letter, 4 set hard copies of the report submitted by the user agency and corresponding documents are ink signed, enclosed and forwarded for further action.

You're Faithfully

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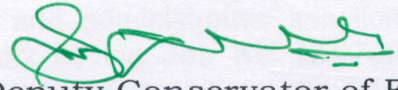
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Enclosures:-

1. Project Sanction Letter from Central Government: 4 Copies
2. NOC provided by Mysore Paper Mills Limited: 4 Copies
3. NOC provided by KPCL: 4 Copies
4. Revised Wildlife Mitigation Plan: 4 Copies
5. Google map showing proposed diversion land and Notified ESZ Boundary of Mukambika Wildlife Sanctuary

Copy To,

1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Forest Conservation), and Nodal officer (FCA), Aranya Bhavan, Bangalore for kind information.
2. Executive Engineer, National Highway Division, 1st Floor, Lokopayogi Bhavan, Balraj Urs Road, Shimoga, for information and instructed not to initiate any work in the proposed diversion land until the prior permission obtained as per Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
3. Assistant Conservator of Forest, Hosanagara Sub-Division, Hosanagara for information.
4. Range Forest Officer, Hosanagara and Nagara Range information.


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