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To

Chief Conservator of Forest
Shimoga Circle, Shimoga

Respected Sir,

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

Subject: Diversion of 25.763 Ha of Forest Land in Hosanagara (T), Shimoga (D) for Construction of 2L+PS Road from km 55.60 to km 90.70 Mavinakoppa of NH 766C 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/220 Dt: 01.11.2023 & 05.09.2024.
 2. This Office Letters Dated: 30.12.2023, 24.05.2024 & 14.08.2024.
 3. Sri Girish Achar, Brahmeshwara, Punaje Village, Hosanagara petition Dt: 21.08.2023.
 4. Sri Veerendra Patil, Advocate, Bengaluru petition Dt: 01.02.2024.
 5. Office of Govt. Under Secretary, Forest, Biodiversity and Environment (Aranya-C) Bengaluru, Letter No. FEE 6 FGL 2023(e) Dt: 14.02.2024.
 6. Executive Engineer, National Highway Division, Shimoga, Office letter No. EE/NHD/ SMG/AE-1/NH-69(Old NH 206)/24-25/1072 Dt: 08.10.2024.
 7. Range Forest Officer, Hosanagara Range Office Letter No. 952/2024-25 Dt: 03.12.2024.
 8. Range Forest Officer, Nagara Range Office Letter No.1004 & 1260/2024-25 Dt:10.12.2024 & 26.12.2024
 9. Assistant Conservator of Forests, Hosanagara Sub-Division, Hosanagara Office Letter No. 603 & 613 Dt: 21.12.2024 & 26.12.2024

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 25.763 Ha of forest land for the "Construction of 2L+PS Road from km 55.60 to km 90.70 Mavinakoppa of NH 766 C with Major Bridges across Sharavathi Back Water". After the site inspection by unit officers the proposal was submitted for approval 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 and proposed Compensatory Afforestation land in degraded forest area.

With respect to the Ref(1), this office raised EDS to the User Agency in Ref(2) Dated: 30.12.2023 & 24.05.2024 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(6). According to the report submitted by the user agency, information/clarifications sought with respect to the proposal for diversion of 25.763 Ha of forest land in various villages of Sagar Division for "Construction of 2L+PS Road from km 55.60 to km 90.70 Mavinakoppa 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	Name of the user agency has not been changed in FORM -A of the proposal i.e. as MoRTH/Central Government as per Ministry guidelines dated No. FC-11/50/2020-FC dated 18.08.2020.	As per GOI. MoEF & CC New Delhi Notification Dated 29.11.2023, Suitable non forest land in Sy no 32 of Kannuru village, Anandapura Hobli, Sagara Taluk, Shivamogga District is identified as the alternative CA Land with area of 53 Ha and regarding this CA land NOC (undertaking letter) is issued by Deputy Commissioner Shivamogga District, Shivamogga vide Letter No. SMGDC-LND2/MISC/15/2024-SMGDC Dated: 07.08.2024 and CA suitability certificate has been issued from this office vide Ref(2) Dated: 14.08.2024. Proposed project is a Central government project of (MoRTH) being executed by the State Government Public Works National Highway department, and hence the name of user agency has not been changed. Considering the fact that the user agency is State Government agency, CA

		proposed is double the extent of the diverted land i.e 53 Ha of non forest land proposed above. Hence this query may be reconsidered.
2	whether, in the said degraded forest land, any CA work has been carried out in /lieu of any other forest diversion proposal or any other plantation activity has/is been undertaken	Instead of 38 Ha of degraded forest earlier proposed in Sy No. 48, 50 & 94 of Haniya Village and 27 & 65 of Harathalu Village, the user agency has provided alternate area which is double the extent (53 Ha) non forest land for compensatory afforestation in Sy No. 32 of Kannuru Village, Anandapura Hobli, Sagara Taluk, Shivamogga District. Hence, 53 Ha of non forest CA land proposed in Sy. No. 32 of Kannuru Village may be considered instead of previously proposed degraded forest land in Sy No. 48, 50 & 94 of Haniya Village and 27 & 65 of Harathalu Village. Revised CA Suitability Certificate (Format-A), CA Scheme, Village Map and Topo Map showing 53 Ha of non forest CA land in Sy. No. 32 of Kannuru Village are uploaded in Part-II of Parivesh Portal.
3	If the area identified for raising CA is suitable for planting, as per para 2"4 (vii) of Chapter 2 of Handbook of Forest Conservation Act, 1980, (as per the DSS report, majority of the CA area identified comes under moderately dense	The earlier proposed degraded forest CA land in Sy No. 48, 50 & 94 of Haniya Village and 27 & 65 of Harathalu Village has been revised to alternate area which is double the extent (53 Ha) non forest land for compensatory afforestation in Sy no 32 of Kannuru village, Anandapura Hobli, Sagara Taluk, Shivamogga District. Hence revised 53 Ha non forest CA land may considered for approval. And as the canopy density of proposed 53 Ha of CA land in Sy No 32 of Kannuru Village is 0.6. Hence only 200 seedlings per Ha can be planted. So for planting remaining seedlings 43 Ha of degraded forest land is identified in Sy No 117 of Kuntagalale Village and Sy No 53 of Telagundli Village, both Sy. Nos. are situated in Kuntagalale SF

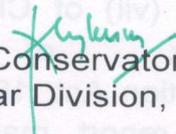
	Block-I and CA Suitability Certificate in Format-B has been issued on 07.01.2025 and necessary village maps and topo maps are uploaded in Part-II of Parivesh Portal.
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Sri Girish Achar, Brahmeshwara, Punaje Village, Hosanagara vide Ref(3) and Sri Veerendra Patil, Advocate, Bengaluru vide Ref(4) submitted a petition stating that from 1998 to 2018 the area in Sy No 5 of Ganganakoppa Village was mentioned as 'Aranya' in column no. 9 of RTC. But later in 2018 the Tahshildhar of Hosanagara Taluk has changed the status of said land from 'Aranya' to 'Sarkari Muphattu' vide MRH No.10/2017-18 Dt: 25.06.2018 and Office of Govt. Under Secretary, Forest, Biodiversity and Environment (Aranya-C) Bengaluru has directed to take necessary action regarding this matter vide Ref(5).

As the proposed road also passes through Sy No 5 of Ganganakoppa Village it has to be included in the proposal. Hence DCF Sagar raised EDS to User Agency vide Ref(2) Dt: 24.05.2024. Subsequently the User Agency re-surveyed the proposed diversion area and made necessary corrections in the alignment of the proposed road and revised the diversion area from 18.844 Ha to 25.763 Ha and resubmitted the proposal through Parivesh to DCF Sagar for field verification.

After field verification Unit Officers submitted their reports vide Ref-(7), (8) & (9). As per the unit officers report, a revised site inspection report, recommendation letter, CA Suitability Certificate (Format-A & B), CA Scheme, Revised Wildlife Mitigation Plan with all necessary documents and maps are prepared and uploaded in Part-II of the Parivesh Portal and the proposal is resubmitted for further action.

Yours sincerely,


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Sagar Division, Sagar.