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To,  
The Additional Chief Secretary to Government  
Forest, Ecology and Environment Department  
M.S. Building, Bengaluru – 560 001

Sir,

**Sub:** Diversion of 0.66 hectare of forest land in Kelageri Village Sy No. 709, Dharwad Taluk and District for providing additional interconnectivity between the two ends of the arch shaped campus of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Dharwad in favour of Director, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Dharwad

**Proposal No. FP/KA/Approach /47989/2020**

- Ref:**
1. This office letter of even number dated 12-01-2022 [Stage-I proposal] and 07-04-2022 [communication of GOI EDS Query]
  2. Government of Karnataka letter No. FEE 05 FLL 2022 (e) dated 24-02-2022 [Stage-I proposal] and 22-03-2022 [communication dated of GOI EDS query]
  3. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Regional Office (Southern Zone), Bengaluru letter F.No. 4-KRB1341/2022-BAN/1537 dated 10-03-2022 [EDS query]
  4. Executive Engineer (IPS), IIT Dharwad letter No. IITDh/IPS/PC/Forest/2022-23/167 dated 19-01-2023 [reply dated to GOI EDS Query]
  5. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Dharwad Division letter No. C3/IIT Dharwad/CR-/2019-20/2020-21/1286 dated 23-01-2023 [reply dated to GOI EDS Query]
  6. Chief Conservator of Forests, Dharwad Circle letter No. A1/LAND/GFL/FC/IIT/CR-16/2020-21/2022-23/1865 dated 25-01-2023 [reply dated to GOI EDS Query]

With reference to the above proposal seeking Stage-I approval submitted by this office vide Ref (1) letter dated 12-01-2022 and by the Government of Karnataka vide Ref (2) letter dated 24-02-2022, the Government of India vide Ref (3) has raised an EDS Query seeking certain additional information. The same has been communicated by the Government of Karnataka vide Ref (2) letter dated 22-03-2022 to this office. Accordingly, this office vide Ref (1) letter dated 07-04-2022 has forwarded the same to the field officers and further to User Agency.



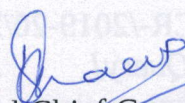
In response, the User Agency vide Ref (4) has submitted the information sought by the Government of India, that has been forwarded to this office through FC web portal by the field officers vide Ref (5)&(6).

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

Government of India Query dated 10-03-2022	Reply
1 Certain portion of forest land proposed for diversion is part of already diverted area (to an extent of 27.72 ha) for construction of 220 KV DCTransmission Line from Hubballi-Belagavi-Narendra (Hubli 2nd Stage) in Dharwad District, for which this Ministry has accorded approval vide its letter No. 8- 16/99-FC dated 14 <sup>th</sup> June, 2004. Therefore, use of this portion of forest land for another purpose needs to be treated as a case of re-diversion.	The Indian Institute of Technology, Dharwad sought diversion of overlapping forest land as approach access. M/s KPTCL has inspected and issued NOC for usage of land as approach access. The copy of the NOC is enclosed.
2 Furnish the legible map depicting the boundary of the proposed IIT Campus vis a vis to boundary of reserved forest along with the legal status of land identified for the proposed IIT Campus in Dharwad.	The User Agency has furnished the legible map depicting the boundary of the proposed IIT Campus vis a vis the boundary of reserved forest along with the legal status of land identified for the proposed IIT Campus <b>(Copy enclosed)</b>

**It is requested to forward the above information to the Government of India in response to the EDS query dated 10-03-2022 for further needful.**

Yours Faithfully



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

**Copy to the:**

1. Chief Conservator of Forests, Dharwad Circle for information.
2. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Dharwad Division for information.
3. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Near High Court, Pune-Bangalore Road (NH-4), Dharwad - 580 011 for information.