

Government of Karnataka

No: A11/FC/Neeravari-Kotipura/GL-
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**Office of the Chief Conservator of
Forests, Shimoga Circle,
Shimoga**

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Place: Shimoga

Dated:13.02.2025

To,

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

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 4.966 Ha of Forest land for Construction of Rising Main, Gravity Feeder and Delivery Chamber in Kotipura and other villages of Shikaripura Taluk of Shivamogga District comes under Sagar Forest Division to fill 41 MI/ZP tanks and providing irrigation for 3430 Ha of command area of Shikaripura and Soraba Taluks by lifting 0.429 TMC of water from Kumudvathi River under Kasaba LIS Project-Reg.

- Ref:**
1. The Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Bangalore letter F.No.4-KRB1324/2021-BAN/159 Dt: 16.12.2021.
 2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation) and Nodal Officer (FCA) Letter No. KFD/HOFF/A52K(GFL)/17/2021-FC Dt: 14.01.2022.
 3. This Office Even Letter No. Dt: 25.01.2022.
 4. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sagara Division Office Letter No.: B1/Bhoomi/FC/GL-1443/2021-22 Dated: 10.02.2025
 5. Executive Engineer, KNNL, Dandavathi Reservoir Project Division, Shikaripura Dt: 09.10.2024.

With reference to the above subject, the user agency i.e. Executive Engineer, KNNL, Dandavathi Reservoir Project Division, Shikaripura has submitted a proposal No.

FP/KA/IRRIG/142337/2021 for the release of 4.996 Ha of forest land for the "Construction of Rising Main, Gravity Feeder and Delivery Chamber in Kotipura and other villages of Shikaripura Taluk comes under Sagar Forest Division to fill 41 MI/ZP tanks and providing irrigation for 3430 Ha of command area of Shikaripura and Soraba Taluks by lifting 0.429 TMC of water from Kumudvathi River under Kasaba LIS Project". 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 proposed Compensatory Afforestation land in non forest area and claims under Forest Rights Act 2006.

The user agency uploaded necessary documents in the Part-I of Parivesh portal and submitted the detailed report to this office in Ref(5). According to the report submitted by the user agency, information/clarifications sought with respect to the proposal.

The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sagara Division has submitted the report vide ref(4) as below.

S l. N o	Clarifications sought by MoEF	Reply Furnished
1	An extent of 6.53 Ha of non-forest land for raising Compensatory Afforestation(CA) has been identified in Hariharapura village, Shivamogga District and it is reported that said land is dry deciduous forest. It may be clarified whether the proposed CA land attracts the provisions of Forest	As per the directions of MoEF the user agency has provided additional 3.64 Ha of non forest CA land in Sy No 4 of Kudigere Village, Sagara Taluk additional to 6.53 of non forest CA land which is provided earlier. The details of non forest land CA land proposed for this project is given as below.

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	(Conservation) Act, 1980. If so, the same is required to be proposed in double the extent of area proposed for diversion as per para no. 2.4 (i) of chapter 2 of Hand book of guidelines issued under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.	S n	District, Taluk, Hobli, Village & Survey. No.	Proposed non forest CA land Extent (Ha)
		1	Shivamogga (D) Shikaripura (T) Kasaba (H) Hariharapura Sy. No. 63	5.10 (Patch-1)
		2	Shivamogga (D) Shikaripura (T) Kasaba (H) Hariharapura Sy. No. 65	1.43 (Patch-2)
		3	Shivamogga (D) Sagara (T) Anandapura (H) Kudigere Sy. No. 65	3.64 (Patch-3)
		Total		10.17 Ha
		A revised CA Suitability Certificate in Format-A has been issued by DCF Sagar to the user agency vide letter dated: 29.12.2023.		
2	As per site inspection report of DCF concerned, it is reported that forest area proposed for diversion has been encroached. However, it is not reported that whether the encroachers have any claim on forest land as per Forest Rights Act, 2006. If there are no claims under FRA, whether any action has been taken for eviction of such encroachments.	Regarding the claims on forest land as per Forest Rights Act, 2006 The Deputy Commissioner, Shivamogga District, Shivamogga has issued FRA Certificate to the user agency vide letter no. SMGDC-LND(2)MISC/14/2024 Dated: 18.09.2024 (copy enclosed). Regarding the eviction of encroachers from the proposed diversion land currently the process has been initiated under Section 64A of Karnataka Forest Act 1963.		

Therefore the above compliance report submitted by the User Agency through Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sagar Division is submitted herewith for your kind information to take further needful action.

Yours faithfully,



Chief Conservator of Forests,
Shimoga Circle, Shimoga