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Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
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Date 14-07-2023

To,

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

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 0.7188 ha(*revised from 0.7137 ha*) of forest land in Sy No. 95 of Hoolageri village, Badami Taluk, Bagalkot District for construction of Approach Road to Karthik Agro Industries Pvt Ltd in favour of Sri Karthik, vice president, Karthik Agro Industries Pvt Ltd, Badami Taluk, Bagalkot District.

Proposal No. FP/KA/ROAD/144076/2021 [FORM A]

1. This office letter of even number dated 03-08-2022[*seeking stage-I approval*], 25-10-2022 [*communication of EDS query to Field Officers and User Agency*] and 03-03-2023 [*seeking revised information*]
2. Government of Karnataka letter No. FEE 107 FLL 2022 dated 13-10-2022 [*EDS query*].
3. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bagalkot Division, letter No. B2/GFL/MLP/0.7188/CR-2021-22 dated 09-01-2023 [*incomplete reply submitted to CCF, Belagavi Circle*] and 15-04-2023 [*revised reply submitted CCF Belagavi*]
4. Chief Conservator of Forests, Belagavi Circle letter No.A7/LND/FCP/TL/BGK/CR-14/14-15/22-23 dated -01-2023 [*incomplete reply submitted to this office*] and 03-05-2023 [*revised reply submitted to this office*]

With reference to the above subject, this office vide Ref (1) has submitted the above-mentioned proposal to Government of Karnataka seeking 'in-principle' (Stage-I) approval under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

In response, the Government of Karnataka vide Ref (2) has raised the EDS query regarding availability of alternative land and along with the site inspection report of the field officers.

Accordingly, this office vide Ref (1) letter dated 25-10-2022 has communicated the Government of Karnataka EDS query to User Agency and Field officers.

In response, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bagalkot Division and Chief Conservator of Forests, Belagavi Circle vide Ref (3) and (4) letters dated 09-01-2023 and -01-2023 has submitted the information to this office respectively. The same has been verified and found to be incomplete. Hence, this office vide Ref (1) letter dated 03-03-2023 has once again directed the field officers to submit specific opinion after field inspection and to submit the report.

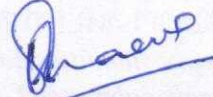
Now, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bagalkot Division vide Ref (3) letter dated 15-04-2023 has submitted the report to the Conservator of Forests, Belagavi Circle and stated that the area has been inspected on 23-05-2022. The proposed area falls in Sy No.92 of Hoolageri Village, Badami Taluk, Bagalkote District which is Reserved Forest. The proposed area is site specific as the user Agency has option to the road only through forest land. During the inspection of proposed site, he has found that there is a mud path which is being used by the local farmers. The area does not fall in any Wildlife Sanctuary or National Park and its does not affect any monument of historical, recreational or archeological importance. The User Agency has not violated the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Hence, he has recommended the proposal for acceptance.

Accordingly, the Chief Conservator of Forests, Belagavi Circle vide ref (4) has agreed with the report of the DCF Bagalkote and submitted the same to this office.

In view of the above circumstances, **it is requested to move the matter with the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Bengaluru for seeking (Stage-I) approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.**

The relevant documents in 3 sets are submitted here with for kind perusal and further action. The present status of the proposal obtained from the web-portal is also appended for necessary action.

Yours faithfully



(Vijay sharma IFS)

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

Copy to the:

1. Chief Conservator of Forests, Belagavi Circle, Belagavi for information.
2. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bagalkote Division, Bagalkote for information.
3. Sri Karthik, Vice President, Karthik Agri Industries Pvt. Ltd. Badami Taluk, Bagalkot District for information.