



Government of Karnataka

No. FEE/252/FLL/2024

Karnataka Government Secretariat
Multistoried Buildings,
Dr|| B.R.Ambedkar veechi,
Bengaluru, Date :14.05.2025

From:

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Forest, Ecology and Environment Department,
Bengaluru-560001.

To:

The Deputy Director General of Forest (Central),
Integrated Regional Office,
Kendriya Sadan, 4th Floor, E&F Wings,
17th Main, Koramangala, Bengaluru.

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 18.60 Ha of forest land in Sy No. 36 Bommavara Village and Sy No.124 of Akkupete Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District for construction of the Rail Depot under Bengaluru-Sub-Urban Rail Project (BSRP) in favour of the Manager, Rail Infrastructure Development Company (Karnataka) Ltd., Samparka Soudha, Bengaluru.

Proposal No. FP/KA/RAIL/142190/2021.

Ref: 1. Ministry of Environment, Forest Climate Change Regional office letter No.4-KRC1497/2024/BAN Date: 03.12.2024
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (HoFF) office letter No.: KFD/ HoFF/A5-4(GFL)/14/2021-FC, Date: 12.05.2025

With reference to the above subject, I am directed to invite your kind attention to letter vide referred at (1) above and forwarding herewith the copy of letters vide referred at (2) above along with enclosures submitted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation) & Nodal Officer (FCA), Bengaluru with a request to accord Stage- I Approval under VAN (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

Yours faithfully,

(B. Shivakumar)

Under Secretary to Government
Forest, Ecology and Environment Department
(Forest-C and Co-ordination).

Copy to: Manager, Rail Infrastructure Development Company (Karnataka) Ltd, Samaparka soudha, 1st Floor, Opp.Onion Mall, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagara, 1st Block, Bangalore-560010.

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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

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(ಅರಣ್ಯ ಪಡೆ ಮುಖ್ಯಸ್ಥರು) ರವರ ಕಚೇರಿ

Office of
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)



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Enclosure: - Ref (4), (5) & (6) letters with Annexures
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Date 12-05-2025

To,

The Additional Chief Secretary,
Forest Ecology and Environment Department,
M.S.Building, Bengaluru-560001

Sub: Diversion of 18.60 ha of forest land in Sy No.124 of Akkupete Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District for construction of the Rail Depot under Bengaluru-Sub-Urban Rail Project (BSRP) in favour of the Manager, Rail Infrastructure Development Company (Karnataka) Ltd., Samparka Soudha, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagra Bangalore.

Proposal No. FP/KA/RAIL/142190/2021 [Form-A]

- Ref:**
1. This office letter of even number dated 30-09-2024 [Stage-I proposal] & 16-12-2024.
 2. Government of Karnataka letter No. FEE/252/FLL 2024(E) dated 04-11-2024. [Stage-I proposal]
 3. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Regional Office (Southern Zone), Bengaluru letter No. 4-KRC 1497/2024-BAN/483 dated 03-12-2023 [EDS Query] [Received in this office on 09-12-2024].
 4. Manager, SEMU, Rail Infrastructure Development Company (Karnataka) Ltd., Samparka Soudha, Bangalore letter No. K RIDE/Projects/BSRP/Depot/Forest/58 dt: 05-05-2025.
 5. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Kolar Division, Kolar letter No. A4/DCF/KRIDE/CR-8/2022-23 dated 03-05-2025.
 6. Conservator of Forests, Bangalore Circle, Bangalore letter No. A11/Bhoomi/CR-65/2023-24 dated: 06-05-2025.

With regard to the proposal submitted by this office vide Ref (1) DATED 30-09-2024 seeking Stage-I approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 to the Government of Karnataka and by the State Government vide Ref (2) letter dated 04-11-2024 to the Central Government, the Government of India vide Ref (3) has raised the EDS Query. The same was communicated by Government of Karnataka vide Ref (4) and this office vide Ref (1) dated: 16-12-2024.

In response, the reply to the EDS query raised by the Government of India is furnished by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bengaluru (Rural) division, Devanahalli vide Ref (5) dated: 03-05-2025 through the Conservator of Forests, Bengaluru Circle Vide Ref (6) dated: 06-05-2025 to this office. The reply is as follows:

Sl.No	EDS Query	Reply
i.	As per the subrule 16 of rule 9 of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules 2023, the proposal which involves forest land of more than five hectares, shall be forwarded by the Nodal Officer, with the approval of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, to the State Government or Union territory Administration, along with the Project Screening Committee's recommendation and the same shall also be forwarded to the Regional Office. The recommendation of PSC is not submitted along with the proposal.	PSC Meeting Proceedings MoM ID: FC/MOM/PSC/460834/2025 is attached as <u>Annexure-I.</u>
ii.	The DCF Bengaluru Rural Division has not recommended the proposal citing that the felling of 17,615 number of trees would affect the flora, fauna and the microclimate of the area. In this regard the State Government shall offer its comments regarding the adverse effect on the ecosystem of the area, due to felling of so many trees.	Out of total 17,615 trees to be felled in the Proposal, 6193 are Eucalyptus, 11185 are Acacia and remaining 237 trees belongs to different miscellaneous species.
iii.	Further, the Hon'ble NGT has suo moto registered an Original Application No.792 of 2024(PB) (renumbered as Original Application No.236 of 2024(SZ), based on the news item published in 'Bengaluru - Hindustan Times' dated 11.06.2024 titled "Over 2000 citizens oppose felling of 33,000 trees for Bengaluru Suburban Railway Project. In this regard	User Agency has stated that, by the orders of Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, Southern Bench, dated 21.03.2025, the case stands closed. A copy of the order is enclosed as <u>Annexure-II.</u> Further, the number of trees enumerated on the proposed land under the jurisdiction of the Forest Department is 17,615 only. The remaining 14,957 trees fall within the alignment of the Bengaluru Suburban Railway Project, which spans 148 km in and around the

	the State Govt. is requested to submit the updated status of the case and also clarify if the number of trees to be felled is 17,615 or 33,000.	city.
iv.	The CCF has recommended the proposal stating that all the trees proposed to be felled are Eucalyptus. However, tree enumeration details submitted show that there are another 14 different type of tree species listed. In this regard the State Government shall offer its comments.	Out of total 17,615 trees to be felled in the Proposal, 6193 are Eucalyptus, 11185 are Acacia and remaining 237 trees belongs to different miscellaneous species.
v.	The construction of rail depot in the forest land is not a site-specific activity. In this regard the State Government is requested to provide the justification for establishing the rail depot in forest land instead of non-forest land.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The proposed area is essentially required for the construction of TEST TRACK for testing the trains before Providing Service. ➤ Further, it is also submitted that, the Devanahalli being the terminal station, the Maintenance Depot is absolutely required to be in the close proximity in order to avoid the dry run of the trains & to minimize the cost of energy & electricity. ➤ This being the case, there is no other uninhabited parcel of land matching the specification in the given location. Further, the User-Agency (K-RIDE) has already acquired an abutting 5 acres of plot in anticipation of Forest land diversion. Proposed land for diversion along with acquired land parcel (5 acres) is required for establishment of the Depot. ➤ Additionally, the said alignment has been approved by the competent authority of Indian Railways. <p>Under these circumstances, it is brought to your kind notice that, the demand for this parcel of Forest Land is site specific.</p>
vi.	The C:B ratio is not submitted.	<p>User Agency Vide Ref (4) letter has submitted the details which is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ CBR = 2.1 (approx.). For every ₹1 spent, benefits worth ₹2.10 are expected as per the Environment

		<p>Impact Assessment and Social Impact Assessment for Bengaluru Suburban Railway Project as well as feasibility studies & reports by M/s RITES, Ministry of Railways, IISC, ISEC, DULT etc.,</p> <p>➤ The project's FIRR is 10.74 % and EIRR is 19.01 % as per the feasibility studies & reports of M/s RITES.</p> <p>➤ CBR > 1 indicates a project is economically viable. BSRP's ratio suggests high return on investment.</p> <p>➤ This has been derived based on the following factors:</p> <p>a. Cost:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Land Acquisition Cost of Construction Machineries & Equipment; Systems & Automation; Signalling & Telecommunication; Operation & Maintenance Salaries & Administrative expense; Utilities Consumables Capacity Building & Trainings Soil, Liquid, Waste management Pollution control measures Carbon footprint <p>b. Benefit:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Direct & In-direct employment; Travel time savings; Reduced traffic congestion; Vehicle operating Cost; Reduction in pollution; Environmental benefits viz., lower Co2 emissions, CO and other particulate emissions & carbon footprints; Better connectivity and modal shifts; Reduction in accident cost; Economic productivity due to increase in jobs, markets, services, suburban connectivity etc.; Social equity; Urban & Rural development - Spurs growth in suburban
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		<p>areas;</p> <p>xii. Enhancement in Quality of life due to less stress, noise & pollution;</p> <p>xiii. Resilience: creates a reliable, multi modal, safe, economic, clean, non – polluting, faster, high-capacity alternative to existing roadtransport;</p>
vii.	The KML files of the alternatives examined is not uploaded in PARIVESH portal.	User Agency has stated that, the KML files are unable to upload in PARIVESH portal. Hence, the same is shared through email
viii.	The KML file and non-encumbrance certificate of the non-forest land (18.61 ha of NFL in Sy. No. 65 of Sasulu village, Susulu Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District) identified for CA is not submitted.	KML file is sent through e-mail and the Encumbrance Certificate issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru Rural District, indicating that the land is free from all encumbrances dated 23.04.2025, is enclosed as <u>Annexure-III</u> .
ix.	The site suitability certificate of 32.20 ha of DFL identified for plantation in Adagal State Forest, Sy. No. 70 of Diguvarampalli Village and Sy. No. 73 of Thimmalapalli Village, Nelavanki Hobli, Srinivaspura taluk, Kolar State Forest is not submitted.	Site suitability certificate is enclosed as <u>Annexure-IV</u> .
x.	In the land-use/component wise break up it is mentioned that an area of 5 ha will be used for construction of Buildings. The State Government is requested to clarify what type/ nature of buildings have been proposed.	<p>The buildings of the depot are approximately 50,550 sqm or 5.05 Ha.</p> <p>A list of the proposed main buildings in maintenance Depot are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Stabling lines buildings Inspection lines building Repair lines building Work shop lines building Auto work plant building Ancillary building Associated warehouse facility A detailed list of structures is enclosed at <u>Annexure - V</u>

xi.	<p>The State Government may explore other non-forest land for execution of the project.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. The depot requires approximately 50 acres in a single parcel land based on the number of lines, stabling, maintenance, and staff facilities designed (with a minimum 900 m straight length). ii. In a dense city like Bengaluru, such large contiguous non-encroached land is almost non-existent in the core urban zones; iii. The available other government land parcels near the terminal stations were found with fragmented plots or irregularly shaped parcels and don't meet the layout requirements of the maintenance depot as designed. iv. Also, no other suitable land parcel contiguous to Railway track was found. v. In order to avoid acquisition of Forest land as above, all efforts had been made by K-RIDE duly studying alternative locations. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) At survey no. 94 & 131, Jnana Bharathi campus, Bengaluru university, was also studied. Even though, the location was proposed in DPR of K-RIDE, the location falls within the busy Bengaluru central district with high density populated residential areas cum habitat to multiple flora & fauna and house to Bengaluru university. The available area is restricted to 31 acres only. The land requirement for K-RIDE is about 50 acres for Depot. Hence, the location was found non-feasible. b) Another location at Betta Halasuru village in survey no. 259, Jala hobli, Bengaluru North District was also inspected. The land requirement for K-RIDE is about 50 acres. The available land in survey no. 259 is lesser than 40 acre and land has been already fragmented into sites, allotted to multiple other agencies / farmers. The balance land available is in small discontinuous plots, which is not suitable for BSRP depot. In view of
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		<p>this, the above location was also not found feasible.</p> <p>vi. Hence, in view of the above, this parcel of land at Akkupete village was found to be most suitable & only feasible location for BSRP depot in its approved alignment.</p>
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Under the above circumstances, it is requested to move the above proposal to the Government of India for seeking Stage-I clearance under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Yours faithfully,

**Digitally signed by
BRIJESH KUMAR
Date: 11-05-2025
16:31:26**

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

Copy to the:

1. Conservator of Forests, Bangalore Circle, Bangalore for information.
2. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bangalore Rural Division, Devanahalli for information.
3. Manager, Rail Infrastructure Development Company (Karnataka) Ltd., Samparka Soudha, 1st Floor, Opp. Orion mall, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagara, 1st Block, Bangalore-560 010 for information.

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ದಿನಾಂಕ: 06-05-2025

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ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು
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ಅರಣ್ಯ ಭವನ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು

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ವಿಷಯ: Diversion of 18.6 Ha land Sy No. 124 of Akkupete village, Kasaba Hobi, Devanahalli taluk, Bengaluru rural district for construction of Maintenance depot of Bangalore suburban Rail project road in favour of Rail Infrastructure Development company (Karnataka) Limited (KRIDE), Samparka Soudha, Dr. Rajkumar road, Rajajinagar 1st block Bengaluru-560010 **Proposal # FP /KA/RAIL/142190/2021**

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 3. ಈ ಕಛೇರಿ ಸಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಪತ್ರ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 31-12-2024 & 03-03-2025
 4. ಉಪ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ವಿಭಾಗ, ದೇವನಹಳ್ಳಿ ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ ಪತ್ರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: A4/ DCF/KRIDE/CR-08/2022-23 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 07-04-2025
 5. ಈ ಕಛೇರಿ ಸಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಪತ್ರ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 17-04-2025
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ಮೇಲಿನ ವಿಷಯ ಹಾಗೂ ಸದರಿ ಭೂ-ಪರಿವರ್ತನೆಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ(2)ರ ಪತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿನ ಸೂಚನೆಯಂತೆ, ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ (1)ರ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಪತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ದಾಖಲಿಸಲಾಗಿರುವ 11 ಅಂಶಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಅಗತ್ಯ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳು/ಮಾಹಿತಿ/ ಸ್ಪಷ್ಟೀಕರಣವನ್ನು ಉಪಯೋಗಿಸಿ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯವರಿಂದ ಪಡೆದು, ಪರಿಶೀಲಿಸಿ, ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಅಗತ್ಯ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ 3ink-signed ಪ್ರತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವಂತೆ ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ (3)ರ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ಪತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿನ ಸೂಚನೆಯ ಮೇರೆಗೆ , ಉಪಯೋಗಿಸಿ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯವರಿಂದ ಅಗತ್ಯ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಪಡೆದು ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳ 3 ಪ್ರತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ (4)ರ ಪತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಉಪ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ವಿಭಾಗ, ದೇವನಹಳ್ಳಿ ರವರು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿದ್ದ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯಲ್ಲಿನ ನ್ಯೂನತೆಗಳನ್ನು ಸರಿ

ಪಡಿಸಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವಂತೆ ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ (5)ರ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ಪತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಸೂಚಿಸಿದ್ದು, ಅದರಂತೆ, ನ್ಯೂನತೆಗಳನ್ನು ಸರಿ
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Date: 07-05-2025
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Dated: 03.05.2025

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To,

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Bengaluru Circle,
Bengaluru-560015.

Sir,

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With reference to the above subject and ref (2) the undersigned was directed to procure information in 03 ink-signed sets from the User Agency regarding the observations made by GOI, MOEF & CC as per ref (1).

The User Agency has submitted their information in ref (3) to this office. The undersigned has also commented on the observations and attached it to this letter for your kind perusal and necessary action.

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05 MAY 2025

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Yours faithfully

Deputy Conservator of Forests
Bengaluru Rural Division
Devanahalli

ANNEXURE-01

Sl.No	Observations	Clarification by DCF, BRD
1	As per the sub rule 16 of rule 9 of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules 2023, the proposal which involves forest land of more than five hectares, shall be forwarded by the Nodal Officer, with the approval of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, to the State Government or Union territory Administration, along with the Project Screening Committee's recommendation and the same shall also be forwarded to the Regional Office. The recommendation of PSC is not submitted along with the proposal.	-
2	The DCF Bengaluru Rural Division has not recommended the proposal citing that the felling of 17,615 numbers of trees would affect the flora, fauna and the microclimate of the area. In this regard the State Government shall offer its comments regarding the adverse effect on the ecosystem of the area, due to felling of so many trees.	Out of total 17, 615 trees to be felled in the proposal, 6193 are Eucalyptus, 11185 are Acacia and remaining <u>237 trees</u> belong to different miscellaneous species.
3	Further, the Hon'ble NGT has suo motto registered an Original Application No.792 of 2024(PB) (renumbered as Original Application No.236 of 2024(SZ), based on the news item published in 'Bengaluru - Hindustan Times' dated 11.06.2024 titled "Over 2000 citizens oppose felling of 33,000 trees for Bengaluru Suburban Railway Project. In this regard the State Govt. is requested to submit the updated status of the case and also clarify if the number of trees to be felled is 17,615 or 33,000.	The User Agency has submitted reply in letter No. KRIDE/ Projects/ BSRP/Depot/ Forest/ 58, Dated 02.05.2025

4	The CCF has recommended the proposal stating that all the trees proposed to be felled are Eucalyptus. However, tree enumeration details submitted show that there are another 14 different type of tree species listed. In this regard the State Government shall offer its comments.	Out of total 17, 615 trees to be felled in the proposal, 6193 are Eucalyptus, 11185 are Acacia and remaining <u>237 trees</u> belong to different miscellaneous species.
5	The construction of rail depot in the forest land is not a site-specific activity. In this regard the State Government is requested to provide the justification for establishing the rail depot in forest land instead of non-forest land.	The User Agency has submitted reply in letter No. KRIDE/ Projects/ BSRP/Depot/ Forest/ 58, Dated 02.05.2025
6	The C: B ratio is not submitted.	The User Agency has submitted reply in letter No. KRIDE/ Projects/ BSRP/Depot/ Forest/ 58, Dated 02.05.2025
7	The KML files of the alternatives examined is not uploaded in PARIVESH portal.	The Kml files of the alternative locations (Jnanabharathi and Bettalsuru) are shared through mail on 03.02.2025 to CF/BLR and PCCF/FC by this office.
8	The KML file and non-encumbrance certificate of the non-forest land (18.61 ha of NFL in Sy. No. 65 of Sasalu village, Sasalu Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bangalore Rural District) identified for CA is not submitted.	The KML File is submitted through mail by this office on 03.02.2025 to CF/BLR and PCCF/FC by this office and the User Agency has submitted non-encumbrance certificate in letter No. KRIDE/ Projects/ BSRP/Depot/ Forest/ 58, Dated 02.05.2025
9	The site suitability certificate of 32.20 ha of DFL identified for plantation in Adagal State Forest, Sy. No. 70 of Diguvamarampalli Village and Sy. No. 73 of Thimmalapalli Village, Nelavanki Hobli, Srinivasapura taluk, Kolar State Forest is not submitted.	The CA Site suitability certificate signed by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Kolar has already been submitted through this office letter No.A4/DCF /KRIDE/CR-8/2022-23, Dated 15.07.2024.

10	In the land-use/component wise break up it is mentioned that an area of 5 ha. Will be used for construction of Buildings. The State Government is requested to clarify what type/ nature of buildings have been proposed.	The User Agency has submitted reply in letter No. KRIDE/ Projects/ BSRP/Depot/ Forest/ 58, Dated 02.05.2025.
11	The State Government may explore other non-forest land for execution of the project.	The User Agency has submitted reply in letter No. KRIDE/ Projects/ BSRP/Depot/ Forest/ 58, Dated 02.05.2025.


Deputy Conservator of Forests
 Bengaluru Rural Division
 Devanahalli.



**Government of Karnataka
Project Screening Committee
Minutes of Meeting**



MoM ID	FC/MOM/PSC/460834/2025
Agenda ID	FC/AGENDA/PSC/760240/2025
Title of Meeting	56th PSC Meeting
Meeting Venue	3rd Floor, FC Wing, Aranya Bhavan, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru.
Meeting Link	https://meet.google.com/pca-wpsb-xpa
Meeting Mode	Hybrid
Meeting Dates & Time	Start Date : 07/05/2025 End Date : 07/05/2025

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Proposals considered during Meeting:

1. Project Name Construction of 66kV LILO line using Coyote conductor from the existing 66kV Honnali-Lingadahalli DC line for a distance of 5.235km for establishing 1x12.5MVA, 66/11kV substation Sydarakallahalli in Bhadravathi Taluk, Shivamogga District.

Proposal Number FP/KA/PWR_TRANS/450345/2023

User Agency Executive Engineer Electrical

Forest Land Area(Ha) 5.5956

Division Bhadravathi Division

Recommendation Accepted

Brief Description of Project:

Construction of 66kV LILO line using Coyote conductor from the existing 66kV Honnali-Lingadahalli DC line for a distance of 5.235km for establishing 1x12.5MVA, 66/11kV substation Sydarakallahalli in Bhadravathi Taluk, Shivamogga District.

Previous Deliberation Details:

N/A

Current Deliberation Details:

1. The Nodal Officer (FCA) Karnataka, Member Secretary PSC, DCF Bhadravathi attended the Meeting. Officials of the User Agency did not attend the Meeting.
2. Project Screening Committee went through the project details along with the technical scrutiny done by ICT Cell and found it to be in order. Hence, it was decided to accept the proposal and forward to field for further processing.

Recommendation Remark:

Proposal is in order. Hence, it was decided to accept the proposal and forward to DCF for further processing.

2. Project Name Construction of 240 (G+1) Houses at Doddamannugudde Village Ramanagara Taluk & District Karnataka State under Jnurm-HSDP project/scheme.

Proposal Number FP/KA/REHAB/407429/2022

User Agency Rudraiah R R

Forest Land Area(Ha) 12.5391

Division Ramanagara Division

Recommendation Accepted

Brief Description of Project:

Construction of 240 (G+1) Houses at Doddamannugudde Village Ramanagara Taluk & District Karnataka State under Jnurm-HSDP project/scheme.

Previous Deliberation Details:

N/A

Current Deliberation Details:

1. The Nodal Officer (FCA) Karnataka, Member Secretary PSC, DCF Ramanagara attended the Meeting. Officials of the User Agency did not attend the Meeting.
2. Project Screening Committee went through the project details along with the technical scrutiny done by ICT Cell and found it to be in order. Hence, it was decided to accept the proposal and forward to field for further processing.

Recommendation Remark:

Proposal is in order. Hence, it was decided to accept the proposal and forward to DCF, Ramanagara for further processing.

3. **Project Name** Diversion of forest land in Multiple Survey Numbers & Villages, Teligi, Chigiteri, Arasikeri & Harapanahalli Hoblis and Harapanahalli Taluk, Vijayanagara District for laying of drinking Water Supply Pipeline to Chigateri, Nicchavanahalli & other 105 habitations of Harapanahalli Taluk mode under Multi Village Drinking Water Scheme in favour of the Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department, Hosapete, Vijayanagara District.

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Previous Deliberation Details:

N/A

Current Deliberation Details:

1. The Nodal Officer (FCA) Karnataka, Member Secretary PSC, DCF Vijayanagara attended the Meeting. Further, the Officials of the User Agency not attend the Meeting.
2. Project Screening Committee went through the project details along with technical scrutiny done by the ICT cell and certain shortcomings were observed. Hence, it was decided to intimate the User Agency to rectify the shortcomings and to resubmit the proposal.

Recommendation Remark:

Certain shortcomings were observed. Hence EDS raised to UA.

4. **Project Name** Diversion of 176.81 Ha of Forest land for the construction of dam across Ballary Nala, Submergence and canal in forest land of Tummaraguddi, Kabalapur, Chandur of Belagavi Taluka, Yaddalagudda, Ankalagi, Panjanatti, Arbhanvidevalhatti, Akkatanagerahal, Madaval, Khanagaon of Gokak Taluka, Malangali of Savadatti Taluka and Yarzarvi of Yaragatti Taluka of Belagavi District under Ballary Nala Irrigation Project by KNNL, Govt of Karnataka-reg

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Previous Deliberation Details:

N/A

Current Deliberation Details:

1. The Nodal Officer (FCA) Karnataka, Member Secretary PSC, DCF Gokak attended the Meeting. Further, the Officials of the User Agency not attend the Meeting.
2. Project Screening Committee went through the project details along with technical scrutiny done by the ICT cell and certain shortcomings were observed. Hence, it was decided to intimate the User Agency to rectify the shortcomings and to resubmit the proposal.

Recommendation Remark:

Certain shortcomings were observed. Hence EDS raised to UA.

5. Project Name Widening to two lane with paved shoulder from Km 103.225(Pattadakal) to Km 133.00(Shirur Cross) of NH-367 in the state of Karnataka on EPC mode Job No NH-367-KNT-2021-22-934

Proposal Number FP/KA/ROAD/411790/2022

User Agency Narendra Sharma

Forest Land Area(Ha) 7.6897

Division Bagalkot Division

Recommendation Accepted

Brief Description of Project:

Widening to two lane with paved shoulder from Km 103.225(Pattadakal) to Km 133.00(Shirur Cross) of NH-367 in the state of Karnataka on EPC mode Job No NH-367-KNT-2021-22-934

Previous Deliberation Details:

N/A

Current Deliberation Details:

1. The Nodal Officer (FCA) Karnataka, Member Secretary PSC, DCF Bagalkot attended the Meeting. Officials of the User Agency did not attend the Meeting.
2. Project Screening Committee went through the project details along with the Part-II & EDS reply submitted by the DCF, Bagalkot and found to be in order. Hence it was decided to accept the proposal and recommend to Government of Karnataka for further processing.

Recommendation Remark:

Proposal has been accepted & recommended to Government of Karnataka for further processing.

Other Item Details:

S.No.	Remarks	Document
1	Diversion of 8.80388 Ha of forest land in forest survey number 52A1A of Arghe Village, Baada Hobli, Karwar Taluk, Uttara Kannada district for establishing stone quarry, dumping yards and its approach roads in favour of Shivaprasad Industries, Kodibhag village, Baada Hobli, Karwar taluk, Uttara Kannada district. (i).	migration of proposals from parivesh 1.0 to parivesh 2.0.pdf
2	Diversion of 18.60 ha(18.42 hectare) of forest land in Sy. No 36 Bommavara Village and Sy No. 124 Akkupete Village of Kasaba Hobli Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District for Construction of the Rail Depot under Bengaluru Sub-urban Rail Project (BSRP) in favor of General Manager/Civil (Land and Project Co-ordination), Rail Infrastructure Development Company (Karnataka) Limited (KRIDE), Samparka Soudha ,1st floor. Opp. Orion Mall, Dr Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar 1st Block, Bangalore -560010 Proposal No. FP/KA/RAIL/142190/2021	goi eds letter-kride-03-12-2024.pdf

Other Item Deliberation:**1. Recommendation**

Accepted

Brief Description:

Diversion of 8.80388 Ha of forest land in forest survey number 52A1A of Arghe Village, Baada Hobli, Karwar Taluk, Uttara Kannada district for establishing stone quarry, dumping yards and its approach roads in favour of Shivaprasad Industries, Kodibhag village, Baada Hobli, Karwar taluk, Uttara Kannada district. (i).

Current Deliberation Details:

1. The Nodal Officer (FCA) Karnataka, Member Secretary PSC, DCF , Karwar attended the Meeting, Further, the Officials of the User Agency not attend the Meeting.
2. Project Screening Committee went through the project details and found it to be in order. Hence, it was decided to accept the proposal and recommend to GoK for further processing.

Recommendation Remark:

Proposal has been accepted & recommend to Government of Karnataka for further processing.

2. Recommendation

Accepted

Brief Description:

Diversion of 18.60 ha(18.42 hectare) of forest land in Sy. No 36 Bommavara Village and Sy No. 124 Akkupete Village of Kasaba Hobli Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District for Construction of the Rail Depot under Bengaluru Sub-urban Rail Project (BSRP) in favor of General Manager/Civil (Land and Project Co-ordination), Rail Infrastructure Development Company (Karnataka) Limited (KRIDE), Samparka Soudha ,1st floor. Opp. Orion Mall, Dr Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar 1st Block, Bangalore

re -560010 Proposal No. FP/KA/RAIL/142190/2021

Current Deliberation Details:

1. The Nodal Officer (FCA) Karnataka, Member Secretary PSC, DCF Bengaluru (Rural) attended the Meeting, Further, the Officials of the User Agency not attend the Meeting.
2. Project Screening Committee went through the project details along with the EDS Reply submitted by User Agency and field officers and found it to be in order. Hence, it was decided to accept the proposal and recommend to GoK for further processing.

Recommendation Remark:

Proposal has been accepted & recommended to Government of Karnataka for further processing.



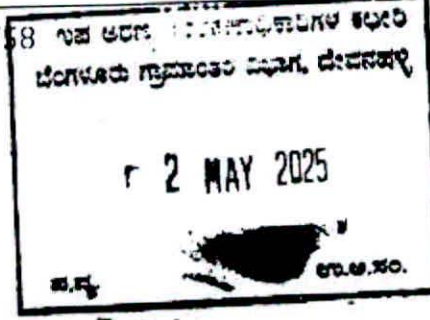
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2/5/2025

K RIDE/Projects/BSRP/Depot/Forest/58

Date: 30.04.2025

The Deputy Conservator of Forests
Bengaluru Rural Division
Karnataka Forest Department
Devanahalli



Dear Sir,

Sub.: Compliance to the clarifications sought in connection with the diversion of 18.60 Ha of Forest land in Sy. No. 124 of Akkupete village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District for the construction of the Rail Depot under Bengaluru Sub - Urban Rail Project (BSRP) in favour of Manager, Rail Infrastructure Development Company (Karnataka) Limited, Samparka Soudha, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru. **Proposal No. FP/KA/RAIL/142190/2021 [Form - A].**

- Ref.:**
1. Online application no. FP/KA/RAIL/142190/2021 submitted in PARIVESH portal of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change dated 09.05.2021
 2. Online application no. FP/KA/RAIL/142190/2021 [Form - A Part -1] resubmitted in PARIVESH portal of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change dated 05.04.2022
 3. PCCF (HoFF), GoK letter no. KFD/HoFF/A5-4(GFL)/14/2021-FC dated 30.09.2024
 4. GoK letter no. FEE/252/FIL 2024(E) dated 04.11.2024 (Stage - 1 proposal)
 5. MoEF&CC, GoI, Regional Office, Bengaluru letter no. 4-KRC 1497/2024-BAN/483 dated 03.12.2024.
 6. PCCF (HoFF), GoK letter no. KFD/HoFF/A5-4(GFL)/14/2021-FC dated 18.12.2024.
 7. This office letter K-RIDE/Projects/BSRP/Depot/Forest/55 dated 24.03.2025;
 8. This office letter K-RIDE/Projects/BSRP/Depot/Forest/56 dated 24.03.2025;
 9. This office letter K-RIDE/Projects/BSRP/Depot/Forest/57 dated 27.03.2025
 10. Meeting with PCCF/FC dated 22.04.2025;

With reference to the various letters cited above at (3) to (9), various correspondence between the Forest Department and the user agency (K-RIDE) have been carried out with regard to the compliance to the clarifications sought by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change for the diversion of 18.60 Ha of Forest land in Sy. No. 124 of Akkupete village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District for the construction of the Rail Depot under Bengaluru Sub - Urban Rail Project (BSRP).

To finalize the same, a meeting was convened under the chairmanship of the PCCF/FC, during which various directives were issued for the compliances to be given by officials of K-RIDE and the Forest Department.


In this connection, the revised para wise replies are prepared and enclosed along with the respective annexures from our end, which may be referred for sending the response to MoEF&CC.

You are requested to review the submitted compliances along with providing the necessary recommendations and actions required at your end. Upon receipt of your recommendations, the proposal on the PARIVESH portal may be forwarded for further processing and early issuance of Stage-I Forest Clearance.

Hence, you are requested to facilitate the same at the earliest.

Encl.: 4 sets of copies

Yours sincerely



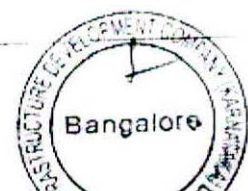
Sheetal N. Singh
General Manager, SEMU



CC: 1. PCCF (FC), GoK
2. CF, Bengaluru Division

Sub: Diversion of 18.6 Ha. of forest land in Sy.No.124 of Akkupete village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District for Rail Infrastructure Development Company (Karnataka) Limited (KRIDE).

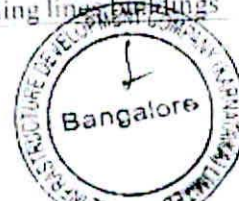
Sl.No	Observations	Response
1	As per the subrule 16 of rule 9 of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules 2023, the proposal which involves forest land of more than five hectares, shall be forwarded by the Nodal Officer, with the approval of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, to the State Government or Union territory Administration, along with the Project Screening Committee's recommendation and the same shall also be forwarded to the Regional Office. The recommendation of PSC is not submitted along with the proposal.	(To be replied by PCCF/FC)
2	The DCF Bengaluru Rural Division has not recommended the proposal citing that the felling of 17,615 number of trees would affect the flora, fauna and the microclimate of the area. In this regard the State Government shall offer its comments regarding the adverse effect on the ecosystem of the area, due to felling of so many trees.	To be replied by DCF/BLR (Rural)
3	Further, the Hon'ble NGT has suo moto registered an Original Application No.792 of 2024(PB) (renumbered as Original Application No.236 of 2024(SZ), based on the news item published in 'Bengaluru - Hindustan Times' dated 11.06.2024 titled "Over 2000 citizens oppose felling of 33,000 trees for Bengaluru Suburban Railway Project. In this regard the State Govt. is requested to submit the updated status of the case and also clarify if the number of trees to be felled is 17,615 or 33,000.	By the orders of Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, Southern Bench, dated 21.03.2025, the case stands closed. A copy of the orders is enclosed as Annexure - 1. Also, the number of trees enumerated on the proposed land under the jurisdiction of the Forest Department is 17,615. The remaining 14,957 trees fall within the alignment of the Bengaluru Suburban Railway Project, which spans 148 km in and around the city.
4	The CCF has recommended the proposal stating that all the trees proposed to be felled are Eucalyptus. However, tree enumeration details submitted show that there are another 14 different type of tree species listed. In this regard the State Government shall offer its comments.	To be replied by DCF/BLR (Rural)
5	The construction of rail depot in the forest land is not a site-specific activity. In this regard the State Government is requested to provide the justification for establishing the rail depot in forest land instead of non-forest land.	Submitted that, there are specific requirements for choosing the location of a Maintenance Depot. A linear parcel of land is required as a minimum requirement for the Maintenance Depot with the dimensions of 900m in length & 200m in width.



		<p>This is essentially required for the construction of TEST TRACK for testing if trains before putting in service.</p> <p>It is also submitted that, Devanahalli being the terminal station and the Maintenance Depot is absolutely required to be in the close proximity in order to avoid the dry run of the trains & to minimise the cost of energy & electricity.</p> <p>This being the case, there is no other uninhabited parcel of land matching the specification in the given location. Further, the User-Agency (K-RIDE) has already acquired an abutting 5 acres of plot in anticipation of Forest land diversion. Proposed land for diversion along with acquired land parcel (5 acres) is required for establishment of the Depot.</p> <p>Additionally, the said alignment has been approved by the competent authority of Indian Railways.</p> <p>Under these circumstances, it is brought to your kind notice that, the demand for this parcel of Forest Land is site specific.</p>
6	The C:B ratio is not submitted.	<p>CBR = 2.1 (approx.). For every ₹1 spent, benefits worth ₹2.10 are expected as per the Environment Impact Assessment and Social Impact Assessment for Bengaluru Suburban Railway Project as well as feasibility studies & reports by M/s RITES, Ministry of Railways, IISC, ISEC, DULT etc.,</p> <p>The project's FIRR is 10.74 % and EIRR is 19.01 % as per the feasibility studies & reports of M/s RITES.</p> <p>CBR > 1 indicates a project is economically viable. BSRP's ratio suggests high return on investment.</p> <p>This has been derived based on the following factors:</p> <p>a. Cost:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Land Acquisition ii. Cost of Construction iii. Machineries & Equipment; iv. Systems & Automation; v. Signalling & Telecommunication; vi. Operation & Maintenance vii. Salaries & Administrative expense;



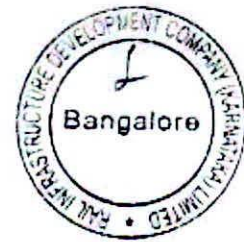
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> viii. Utilities ix. Consumables x. Capacity Building & Trainings xi. Soil, Liquid, Waste management xii. Pollution control measures xiii. Carbon footprint <p>b. Benefit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Direct & In-direct employment; ii. Travel time savings; iii. Reduced traffic congestion; iv. Vehicle operating Cost; v. Reduction in pollution; vi. Environmental benefits viz., lower Co2 emissions, CO and other particulate emissions & carbon footprints; vii. Better connectivity and modal shifts; viii. Reduction in accident cost; ix. Economic productivity due to increase in jobs, markets, services, suburban connectivity etc.; x. Social equity; xi. Urban & Rural development - Spurs growth in suburban areas; xii. Enhancement in Quality of life due to less stress, noise & pollution; xiii. Resilience: creates a reliable, multi modal, safe, economic, clean, non-polluting, faster, high-capacity alternative to existing road transport;
7	The KML files of the alternatives examined is not uploaded in PARIVESH portal;	The .kml files of the alternatives locations examined are enclosed as Annexure - II & III. Since, the files cannot be uploaded as .kml in PARIVESH, the same is shared through email to DCF/ BLR Rural Division. The same may be uploaded to PARIVESH portal from their end.
8	The KML file and non-encumbrance certificate of the non-forest land (18.61 ha of NFL in Sy. No. 65 of Sasalu village, Sasalu Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District) identified for CA is not submitted.	The Encumbrance Certificate issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru Rural District, indicating that the land is free from all encumbrances dated 23.04.2025, is enclosed as Annexure-IV.
9	The site suitability certificate of 32.20 ha of DFL identified for plantation in Adagal State Forest, Sy. No. 70 of Diguvamarampalli Village and Sy. No. 73 of Thimmalapalli Village, Nelavanki Hobli, Srinivaspura taluk, Kolar State Forest is not submitted.	Site Suitability Certificate is enclosed as Annexure - V.
10	In the land-use/component wise break up it is mentioned that an area of 5 ha. will be used for construction of Buildings. The State Government is requested to clarify what type/ nature of buildings have been proposed.	<p>The buildings of the depot is approximately 50,550 sqm or 5.05 Ha.</p> <p>A list of the proposed main buildings in maintenance Depot are as follows:</p> <p>a) Stabling line buildings</p>



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) Inspection lines building c) Repair lines building d) Work shop lines building e) Auto work plant building f) Ancillary building g) Associated warehouse facility <p>A detailed list of structures is enclosed at Annexure - VI</p>
11	The State Government may explore other non-forest land for execution of the project.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The depot requires approximately 50 acres in a single parcel land based on the number of lines, stabling, maintenance, and staff facilities designed (with a minimum 900 m straight length). ii. In a dense city like Bengaluru, such large contiguous non-encroached land is almost non-existent in the core urban zones; iii. The available other government land parcels near the terminal stations were found with fragmented plots or irregularly shaped parcels and don't meet the layout requirements of the maintenance depot as designed. iv. Also, no other suitable land parcel contiguous to Railway track was found. v. In order to avoid acquisition of Forest land as above, all efforts had been made by K-RIDE duly studying alternative locations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) At survey no. 94 & 131, Jnana Bharathi campus, Bengaluru university, was also studied. Even though, the location was proposed in DPR of K-RIDE, the location falls within the busy Bengaluru central district with high density populated residential areas cum habitat to multiple flora & fauna and house to Bengaluru university. The available area is restricted to 31 acre only. The land requirement for K-RIDE is about 50 acre for Depot. Hence, the location was found non-feasible. b) Another location at Betta Halasuru village in survey no. 259, Jala hobli, Bengaluru north district was also inspected. The land requirement for K-RIDE is about 50 acre. The available land in survey no. 259 is lesser than 40 acre and land has been already fragmented into sites, allotted to multiple other farmers. The



		<p>balance land available is in small discontinuous plots, which is not suitable for BSRP depot. In view of this, the above location was also not found feasible.</p> <p>vi. Hence, in view of the above, this parcel of land at Akkupete village was found to be most suitable & only feasible location for BSRP depot in its approved alignment.</p>
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Item No.12:-

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL
SOUTHERN ZONE, CHENNAI**

Friday, the 21st day of March 2025.

[Through Physical Hearing (Hybrid Option)]

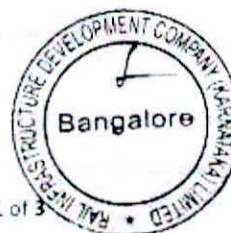
Original Application No.236 of 2024(SZ)

IN THE MATTER OF:

Suo Moto matter in respect of news item appearing in ***The Bengaluru - Hindustan Times*** dated 11.06.2024 titled "Over 2000 citizens oppose felling of 33,000 trees for Bengaluru Suburban Railway Project: Report".

And

- 1) Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike,**
Through its Chief Commissioner,
Hudson Circle, N.R. Square,
Bengaluru, Karnataka-560002, India
- 2) Rail Infrastructure Development Company (Karnataka) Limited**
"KRIDE",
Through its Managing Director
"Samparka Dr. Soudha", 1st Floor, (Opp. Orion Mall),
Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar 1st Block,
Bangalore 560 010.
- 3) Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Karnataka**
Karnataka Forest Department, Government of Karnataka
Aranya Bhawan 18th Cross, Malleshwaram
Bangalore(Karnataka)-560003.
- 4) District Magistrate, Bengaluru Urban**
Kempagowda Road, Behind Kandaya Bhavana,
Bengaluru Urban District, Bengaluru- 560009.
Karnataka, India.



...Respondent(s)

For Applicant(s): SLD Motu.

For Respondent(s): Mr. T.V. Sekar for R1.
Mr. Sriranga Subbanna, Senior Advocate for
M/s. Ravi Law Chambers, S. Indumathi Ravi,
R. Sanjeev, R. Shravan, Sumana Naganand &
Ashwini N Ravindra for R2.
Mr. Rajat Jonathan Shaw represented
Mr. K.M. Darpan for R3 & R4.

CORAM:

HON'BLE Smt. JUSTICE PUSHPA SATHYANARAYANA, JUDICIAL MEMBER

HON'BLE Dr. SATYAGOPAL KORLAPATI, EXPERT MEMBER

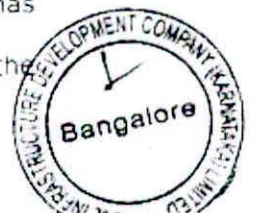
JUDGMENT

1. The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has filed its report dated 23.01.2025, which is taken on file.

2. The said report has given the details of the project proposals submitted to the Tree Officer/DCF, BBMP and their status. It includes various corridors, the number of trees to be retained, the number of trees to be translocated and the number of trees to be felled.

3. At this stage, it is pertinent to note that the Writ Petition [**W.P. No.17841 of 2018**], which is pending before the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka is being dealt with by the First Bench and orders are being passed periodically.

4. Regarding the cutting of trees, the Hon'ble High Court has issued orders on 10.02.2025, 13.02.2025, and 19.02.2025. Further, the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka has gone into addressing the above issue in detail as to how the



trees have to be translocated scientifically at the location and how the same should be supervised. Similarly, the compensatory plantation to be done by the Project Proponent also is mentioned.

5. As the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka is already seized of the matter, any order that may be passed here would be redundant.

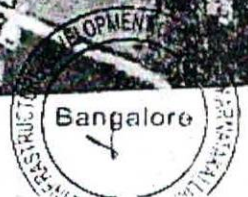
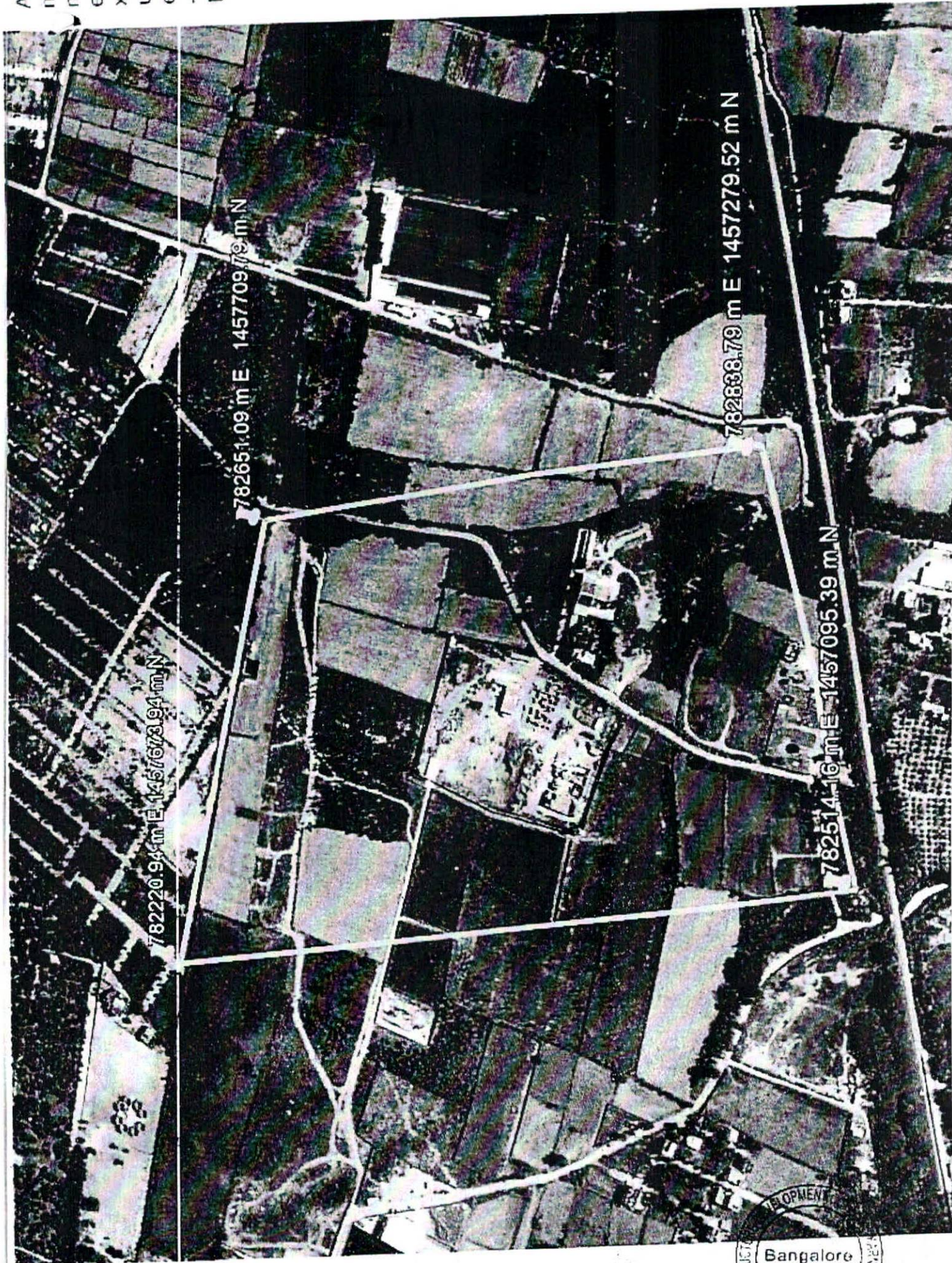
6. Hence, the Original Application [O.A. No.236 of 2024(SZ)] is closed.

Sd/-
Smt. Justice Pushpa Sathyanarayana, JM

Sd/-
Dr. Satyagopal Korlapati, EM

O.A. No.236/2024(SZ)
21st March, 2025. AD.



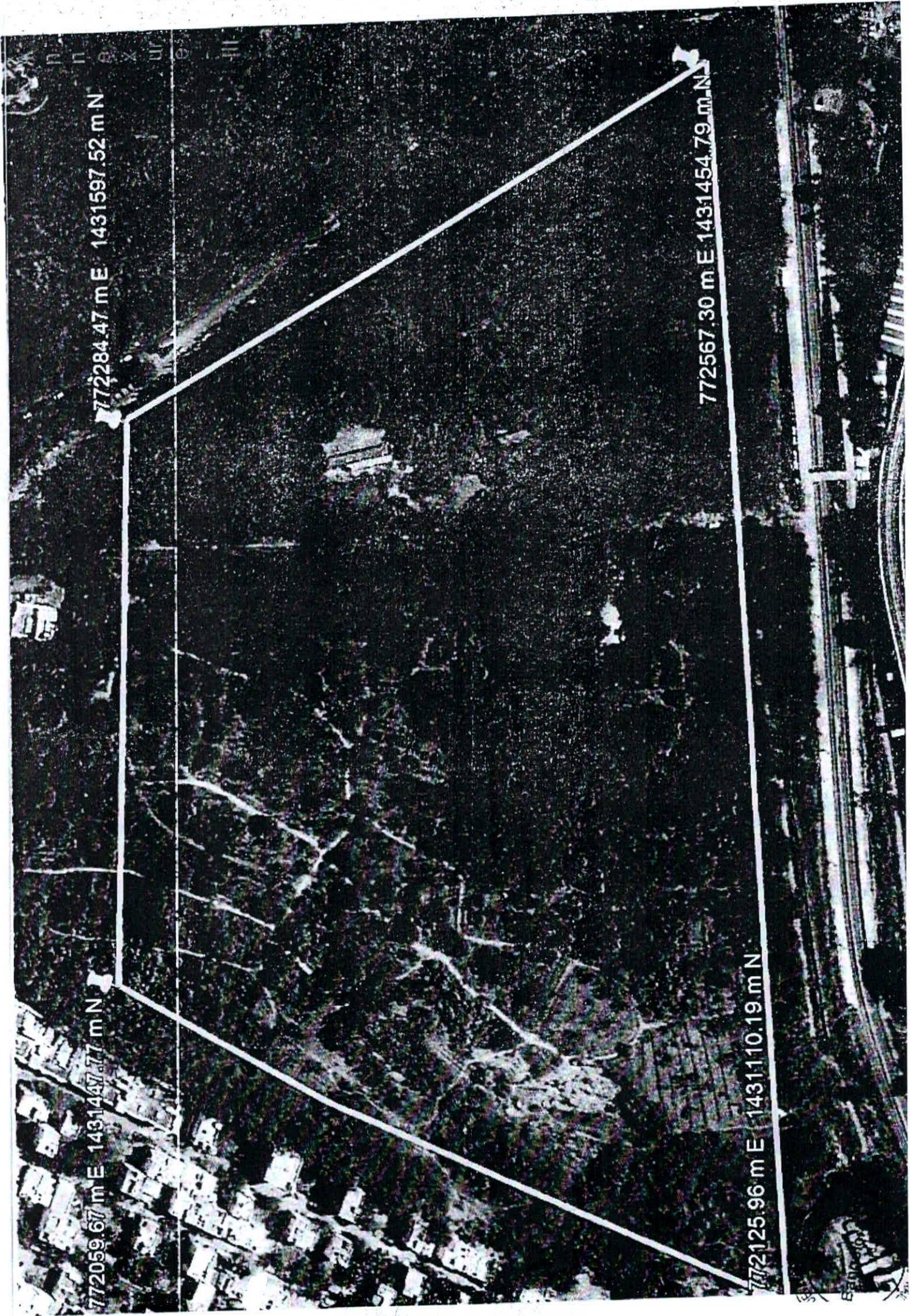


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Government of Karnataka

Revenue Department

Office Of The Deputy Commissioner and District Magistrate, Bangalore Rural District.
1st Floor, District Administration Complex, Beerasandra Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, 562110
E-Mail:- deo.bangalorer3@gmail.com Telephone 08029781022

NO:FOR/CR/04/2021-22

Date: 23-04-2025.

To,

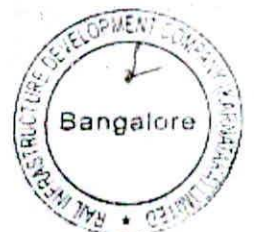
The Managing Director,
Rail infrastructure Development Company(Karnataka)Limited
Samparka Soudha, 1st Floor, (Opp Orion Mall)
Dr.Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagara 1st Block
Bangalore-560010

Respected Sir/Madam,

Sub: Issuing free from all encombrence certificate to the extent of land 46-00 acers at Sy. No.65, situated in Saslu village and Hobali, Doddaballapura taluk, Bangalore rural district-Reg.

Ref: Tahsildar, Doddaballpura taluk letter No: THD-LNDS0LND2/1341/225-LND dated 23.04.2025


With the reference to the above subject, the land situated in Bangalore Rural district, Doddaballapura taluk, Sasalu hobli, Sasalu village Sy. No. 65 to an extent 46-00 acre is reserved in the name of Forest Department vide order No.FOR/CR/04/2021-22 Dated:10.03.2022 which was issued by this office and the same was incorporated in land records vide mutation number MRH1/2024-25 dated 25.07.2024 and in RTC as well. As per the report given by the jurisdictional Tahsildar sought vide letter stated in reference,currently the Forest Department are in possession of the above land and the land is free from all encumbrance and also



it is submitted that there is no form 50, 53, 57 or 94C application pending pertaining to the above land.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully



Deputy Commissioner
Bangalore Rural District

Copy To:

1. The Secretary, Infrastructure Development, Ports & Inland Water Transport Department, Vikasa Soudha, Bangalore-560001
2. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bangalore Rural District, Devanahalli



FORMAT-B

CA LAND SUITABILITY CERTIFICATE UNDER FCA 1980

[Cases where proposed non-forest CA land cannot support the prescribed planting density of 1000 plants per hectare and it is necessary to plant the balance number of plants in degraded forest land (<40% canopy density) as per working plan prescriptions in accordance with government of India FC Guidelines F.No. 11-423/2011-FC dated: 08-11-2017]

In compliance of the procedure established for diversion of forest land for non-forest purpose through the Forest Conservation Rules 2003 and guidelines framed under the Forest Conservation Act 1980, the following is certified.

1. The non-forest land parcel [Table-1] proposed by Rail Infrastructure Development Company (Karnataka) Limited (KRIDE), Samparka Soudha, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajaji nagar 1st block, Bengaluru-560010 (User Agency) in revenue land is not suitable for raising compensatory afforestation (CA) as per the letter No.DCF/KRIDE/CR-8/2022-23 of Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bangalore Rural Division, Devanahalli and requested this office to provide twice the degraded land against diversion of 18.6 Ha of forest land in Sy No. 124 of Akkupete village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk of Bangalore Rural Division.
2. The degraded forest land parcels [Table-2] has been inspected by me on 20-06-2024 (date).
3. The said degraded forest land parcel(s) is/are suitable for raising compensatory afforestation in accordance with Government of India, FC Guidelines F.No.11-423/2011-FC dt 8-11-2017 read with general FC Guidelines, & in case of Private Party User Agency, further as per Government of Karnataka Order No.FEE 82 FLL.2016 dt 31-08-2016.
4. It is further reported that 1000 plants per hectare can be planted in the degraded forest land
5. The KML file(s), Topo Map(s), Geo-referenced Map(s) & GPS readings of all corners of the proposed degraded forest land parcel(s) have been uploaded by User Agency in PART-I of the proposal/are enclosed herewith.
6. The KML file(s), Topo Map(s), Geo-reference Map(s) & GPS readings of all corners of the proposed degraded forest land parcel(s) are enclosed in PART-II

TABLE-1 (Non forest land)

District, Taluk & Hobli	Village	Survey Number	Extent in (Ha)	Plants proposed to be planted	Remarks
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Bangalore Rura., Doddaballapur & Sasalu	Sasalu	65	18.60	-	The area is not suitable for Compensatory Afforestation

TABLE-2 (degraded forest land)

District, Taluk & Hobli	Village	Survey Number	Extent in (Ha)	Plants/ha proposed to be planted	Remarks about the adjacency of the proposed land parcel to a notified forest
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Kolar, Srinivaspur, Nelavanki	Diguvamarampalli	70	37.20	1000	Land is adjacent to the boundary of the Royalpad State Forest
	Thimmanapalli	73		1000	

Deputy Conservator of Forests
Kolar Division, Kolar



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Datasheet for Watering Plants for 37.2 Ha CA Area in Sy 70 of Diguvmarampalli and Sy No. 73 of Thimappanahalli, Nelvanki Hobli, Srinivaspura Taluk, Kolar District

Sl No	CSSR Item No	Particulars	Quantity (No of Plants)	Rate/Plt/ time	Per Plt	Amount
1	41 J (ii)	Watering Plants wherever it is Feasible and possible 4 times (April & May) during 2025-2026 (10% Escalation per year against rate adopted in 2024-2025 i.e, Rs 53.22 Rate/Plt/Time)	1000	53.220	1	212880.000
2	41 J (ii)	Watering Plants wherever it is Feasible and possible 4 times (April & May) during 2025-2026 (10% Escalation per year against rate adopted in 2024-2025)	1000	58.542	1	234168.000
3	41 J (ii)	Watering Plants wherever it is Feasible and possible 4 times (April & May) during 2026-2027 (10% Escalation per year against rate adopted in 2023-2024)	1000	64.396	1	257584.800
4	41 J (ii)	Watering Plants wherever it is Feasible and possible 4 times (April & May) during 2027-2028 (10% Escalation per year against rate adopted in 2023-2024)	1000	70.836	1	283343.280
5	41 J (ii)	Watering Plants wherever it is Feasible and possible 4 times (April & May) during 2028-2029 (10% Escalation per year against rate adopted in 2023-2024)	1000	77.919	1	311677.608
Total						1299653.688

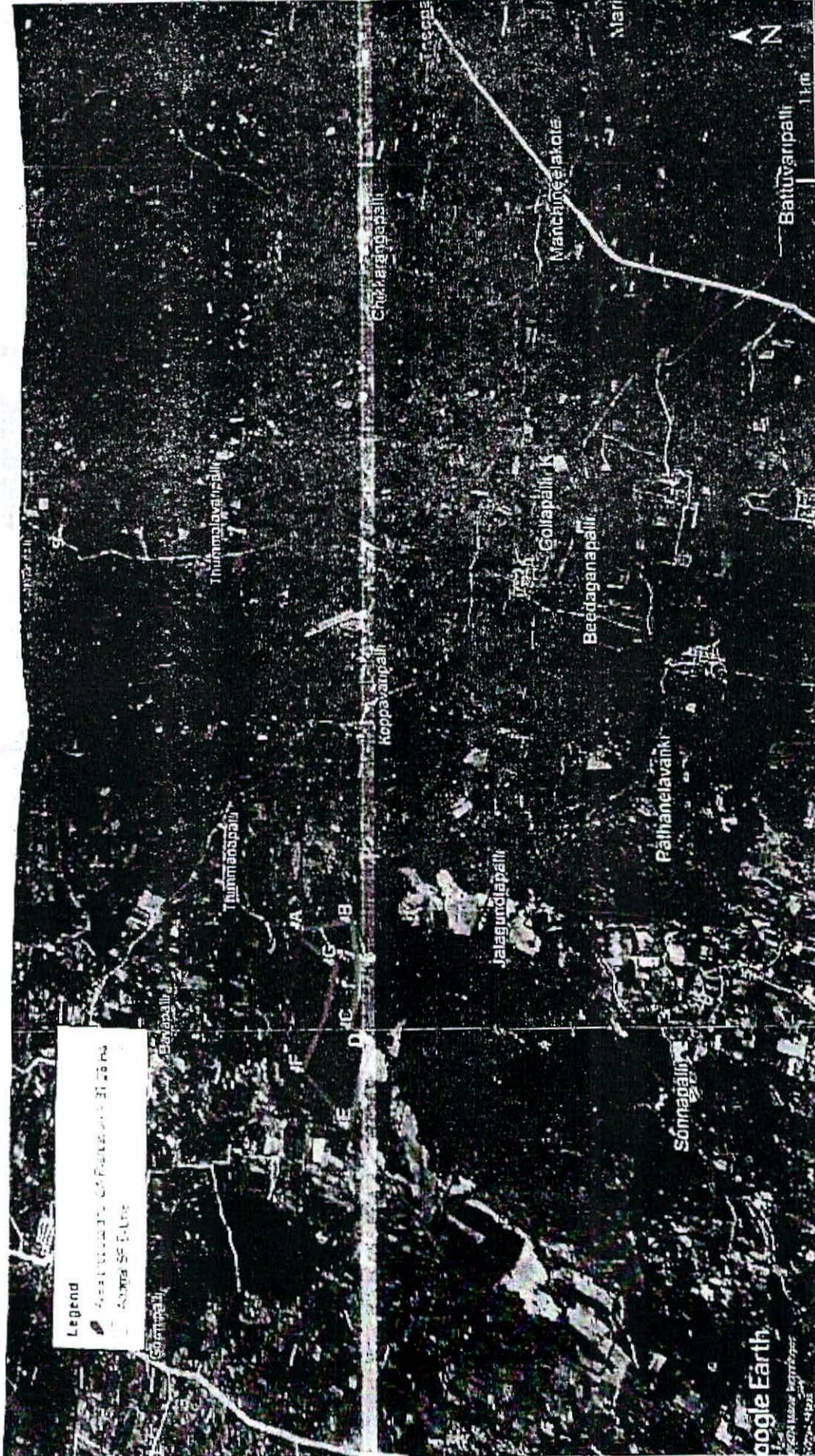
Sl No	Particulars	Extent (Ha)	Amount(Rs)
1	Watering Charges for 1Ha for 5 Years	1	1299654
2	Watering Charges for 37.2 Ha for 5 Years	37.2	48347117

[Signature]
 Deputy Conservator of Forests
 Kolar Division, Kolar



Degraded Forest Land Identified for raising of CA plantation in sy no 70 of D/guvamorapalli and sy no 73 of Thimmanapalli, Addgal SF

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S. S. Srinivasan
Assistant Secretary of Forests
Pulicat Division,
Korai.

Details of buildings proposed in maintenance Depot of BSRP

Sl no	REQUIREMENTS	No. rooms	Length	Width	Total (SQM)
1	Location, layout Inspection Bay line requirements	1	7.5	150	6750
2	Location, layout Work shop line with embedded track and pits requirements	6	10	150	9000
3	Location, layout Dedicated VAC maintenance in workshop line requirements	1	10	150	1500
4	Location, layout Auto wash plant control and equipment room requirements	1	6	20	120
5	Intensive washing line without OHE	1	6	150	900
6	Location, layout Wheel lathe line requirements	1	6	30	180
7	Location, layout Wheel, axles parking area requirement	1	10	50	500
8	Dedicated clearing area for washing and Drying HVAC filters requirements	1	10	50	500
9	Test bench and overhauling rooms compressor, brake calliper requirements	1	10	150	1500
10	Test bench and overhauling rooms pantograph Door	1	10	150	1500
11	Test bench and overhauling rooms VCB	1	10	150	1500
12	Test bench and overhauling rooms Battery	1	10	150	1500
13	Test bench and overhauling rooms CI, AIS and control units	1	10	150	1500
14	Test bench and overhauling rooms Traction motors	1	10	150	1500
15	Location, layout Tool room requirements	1	10	10	100
16	Central compressor house requirements	1	10	10	100
17	Location, layout Bogie and wheel overhauling area requirements	1	10	50	500
18	Bogie storage area	1	10	50	500
19	Bogie washing and sand blasting area	1	10	10	100
20	Location, layout Test track requirements	1			0
21	Depot in charge office with support staff	1	10	10	100
22	Other officers' rooms with support staff	1	10	10	100
23	Conference room large	1	10	40	400
24	Conference room of 10 seats	1	10	10	100
25	Rolling stock Training Hall	1	10	10	300
26	Supervisor office with staff	1	10	10	300
27	Rolling stock tool room and Rolling stock store	1	10	10	100
28	Dress change and wash room for women	1	10	20	200



Sl no	REQUIREMENTS	No of rooms	Length	Width	Total (SQM)
29	Change room with lockers and Wash room	1	10	50	500
30	Lunch room/canteen area	1	10	50	500
31	Visitor room	1	10	10	100
32	Paint room/paint booth	1	10	30	300
33	Drawing office/plans/information	1	10	10	100
34	Lab room	1	10	30	300
35	Brake and compressor overhauling area	1	10	30	300
36	Security/monitoring room	1	10	10	100
37	Depot equipment maintenance cum store room	1	10	50	500
38	Welding and brazing training room cum sheet metal cutting room	1	10	20	200
39	First aid room	1	10	10	100
40	Eye wash area	1	10	10	100
41	Store and store officer	1	10	50	500
42	Storage area bifurcation for all the departments	1	10	50	500
43	Scrapyard				
44	Hazardous waste				
45	Metal scrap				
46	Zero value items				
47	Flammable material				
48	Chemical storage room				
49	Scrapped glass storage				
50	Doors and windows storage				
51	Lorry parking area				
52	Guest House for KRIDE officials	1	10	30	300
53	Classroom training rooms for new batches	3	10	10	300
54	Examination hall(computerised)	1	10	30	300
55	Hostel rooms for trainees and training faculty	1	10	50	500
56	Library and reading rooms	1	10	10	100
57	Space for keeping models	1	10	20	200
General Requirements of Depot					
58	Sewage treatment plant (STP)	1	10	10	100
59	Effluent treatment plant (ETP)	1	10	10	100
60	Work permit/Contract staff handling room	1	10	10	100
61	S&T, AFC equipment storage cum maintenance room	1	10	30	300
62	PSS and backup OCC	1	10	30	300
63	Electrical central room	1	10	20	200
64	Telecom central room	1	10	20	200
65	Record room	1	10	10	100
66	PWAY for Catenary maintenance equipment's and office requirements	1	10	30	300
67	Recreation facility for Trainees and employees	1	10	30	300
68	Server Room	1	10	10	100
69	Floor for all admin and other tenants	1	10	30	300
71	Associated warehouse facility	1(S)			11000
	Grand total				50550

