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To,

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

Sir,

Sub: Re-diversion of 2.469 hectare in Hattikere village F.Sy No. 10A1A1A, Belekeri Hobli, Ankola Taluk, Uttar Kannada District (*Karwar Forest Division*) for establishing Toll Plaza with amenities (*shifting from existing location at CH. 117+900 to CH. 131+200*) in Goa- Karnataka Border– Kundapur Section of NH-66 from Project Sea Bird [*Primary User Agency*] in favour of Project Director, National Highway Authority of India (NHAI), Project Implementation Unit (PIU), Mangaluru [*Secondary User Agency*]
Proposal No. FP/KA/ROAD/33150/2018 [FORM-A]

Ref: 1. This office letter of even number dated 19-03-2020 [*Stage-I proposal*] and 12-10-2023 [*communication of GOI EDS Query*]
2. Government of Karnataka letter No. FEE 41 FLL 2020 (e) dated 05-06-2020 [*Stage-I proposal*] and 30-09-2023 [*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-KRB 1249/2020-BAN/117 dated 26-09-2023 [*EDS query*]
4. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Karwar Division letter No. B4/GFL/FCA/SR-11/2011-12 dated 12-12-2023 [*reply to GOI EDS Query*]
5. Conservator of Forests, Kanara Circle letter No. B2/GFL/Nh-66/CR-14/2019-20/3820 dated 25-02-2024 [*reply to GOI EDS Query*]

With reference to the above proposal seeking Stage-I approval submitted by this office letter dated 19-03-2020 vide Ref (1) and by the Government of Karnataka letter dated 05-06-2020 vide Ref (2), the Government of India vide Ref (3) has raised an EDS Query seeking certain additional information. The same has been communicated by the

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Government of Karnataka vide Ref (2) letter dated 30-09-2023 to this office. Accordingly, this office letter dated 12-10-2023 vide Ref (1) has forwarded the same to the field officers.

In response, DCF, Karwa vide Ref (4) and CF, Kanara Circle vide Ref (6) has submitted the following information.

As per the Chief Manager, (Tech) and Regional Officer, National Highway Authority of India, Bengaluru has reported that the following officers are totally responsible for violation of F(C) Act, 1980.

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2	Anil Kumar Singh	Resident cum Highway Engineer-1	
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Further, it is submitted that field officers have not issued any order to carry out the work for construction of toll plaza in 2.469 ha. diverted forest land in Hattikeri Village Sy. No:10/A1A1A Belekeri Hobali, Ankola Taluk Uttar Kannada District to Project Seabird. The NHAI is totally responsible for construction of toll plaza.

9.136 ha. of forest land which was diverted to the Project Seabird was re-diverted to NHAI for four laning of NH-66. The MoU was signed by officials of NHAI and Project Seabird on 10-11-2017. In present case, the toll plaza was constructed in part of forest land which was earlier diverted to Project Seabird. Inadvertently the NHAI concessioner started construction of toll plaza thinking that this was part of 676.00 ha. of forest land re-diverted from Seabird to NHAI by Government of India. When ascertained that the excess use of land by NHAI, then immediately NHAI had submitted a re-diversion proposal of 2.469 ha on 27-04-2018.

The reply from DCF, Karwar vide Ref (5) and CF, Kanara Circle vide Ref (6) letters are hereby enclosed to this letter.

It is requested to forward the above information to the Government of India in response to the EDS query dated 26-09-2023 for further needful.

Yours Faithfully

Signed by
Brijesh Kumar
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Conservation) and Nodal Officer (FCA)

Date: 08-04-2024

Copy to the:

1. Conservator of Forests, Kanara Circle Sirsi for information.
2. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Karwar Division for information.

- I/592885/2024 **3.** Project Director, National Highway Authority of India (NHAI), Project Implementation Unit (PIU), Door No.3-29, 'Bethel', Tharethota, Near Pump Well, NH-66, Mangaluru for information.



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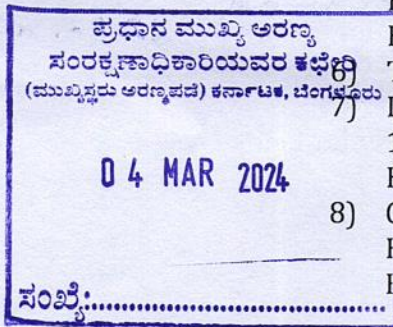
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- 4) Deputy Director General, (PI), Project Seabird, Karwar's letter No: SB/K/ NH-66/Toll Plaza dated: 17-05-2023
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- 6) This office letter dated:14-03-2023 & 28-06-2023.
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Your faithfully,


Conservator of Forests, 25.02.2024
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Copy submitted to Deputy Conservator of Forests, Karwar Division Karwar for kind information.

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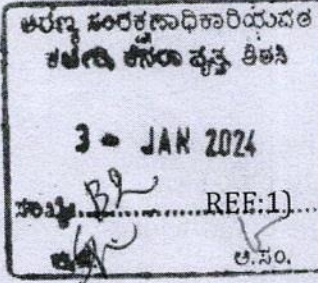
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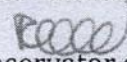
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