

No: B2/GFL/CR-324/1983-84

Office of the
Chief Conservator of Forests,
Kanara Circle,
Sirsi, dated: 14-03-2023.

To,

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
(Forest Conservation) & Nodal Officer (FCA)
Aranya Bhavan, Malleshwaram 18th cross,
Bangalore-560003

Sir,

SUB: Re-Diversion of 2.469 ha. Forest land in Hattikeri Village Sy No,10/A1A1A Belekeri Hobali, Ankola Taluk Uttar Kannada District, Karwar Division for establishing Toll plaza with amenities (shifting from existing location at CH.117+900 to CH.131+200) in Goa-Karnataka Border and Kundapur Section of NH-66 Project Seabird (Primary User Agency) in favour of Project Director, National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) project Implementation Unit (PIU), Mangalore (Secondary User Agency)-reg.
Proposal No: FP/KA/Road/33150/2018.

- REF:** 1 Govt. of India letter No:F.No. 4 KRB 1249/2020-BAN/780 dated: 07-10-2022 addressed to ACS, FEE, Bangalore and copy marked to you and others.
- 2 Your Office letter No. : KFD/HoFF/A52K (GFL)/18/20199-FC, E-72712 dated: 26-12-2022.
- 3 Chief General Manager (Tech) and Regional Officer, National Highway Authority of India, Bengaluru, letter No. : NHIA/RO-BNG/Forest/ 25027(B)/5/2022-23/3524 dated: 17-01-2023.
- 4 Letter No. B4/GFL/FCA/SR-11/2011-12, dt:17-02-2023 of Deputy Conservator of Forests, Karwar Division, Karwar

In responding to the Govt. of India's letter cited at Ref (1) & (2), Deputy Conservator of Forests Karwar has submitted a report vide at Ref (4) (copy enclosed) that Chief General Manager (Tech) and Regional Officer, National Highway Authority of India, Bangalore has submitted vide his letter cited at Ref(3) that the project 4/6 laning of Goa Karnataka Border Kundapur section of NH-66 (Formely NH-17) (Km. 93.700 to Km 283.300) is being executed/ executing under (DBFOT by concessionaire M/s IRB West coast Tollway Private Limited, Mumbai. The Independent engineer was AECOM Asia Company Limited in Association with Rodic consultant Pvt. Ltd., for supervision and monitoring of works to be executed. They are represented by the team leader and resident Engineer at site as Engineer-in-charge for the works.

The names of the Representatives of Engineer-in-charge at that time are as follows

Sl. No.	Name	Position	Company
1	Kiran S Vishwaroop	Team Leader cum Senior Highway Engineer	Rodric Consultant Pvt Ltd.
2	Anil Kumar Singh	Resident cum Highway Engineer-1	
3	Devraj B. C.	Resident cum Highway Engineer-2	AECOM Asia Company Limited.

Further, the NHAI stated that, the construction of toll plaza was carried out as per the working permission issued by project sea bird Authority in the forest area which was earlier diverted to Project Seabird.

9.20 ha of forest land which was diverted to project seabird was re-diverted to NHAI for four laning of National highway-66. The MoU was signed by officials of NHAI and project seabird on 10.11.2017. In the 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 9.20 ha forest land re-diverted from seabird to NHAI. When Forest Department informed the excess use of land by NHAI, then immediately NHAI submitted a re-diversion proposal for 2.469 ha on 27.04.2018. Then the nodal officer (FC) admitted the proposal and submitted to MoEF & CC, Government of India for diversion of forest land.

Here, there is no intentional violation on part of NHAI/Project seabird. The User Agency is pursuing the proposal since 27.04.2018.

This is for your kind perusal and further needful action.

Your faithfully,

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Conservator of Forests, 15.03.23
Kanara Circle, Sirsi

Copy to:

1. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Karwar Division Karwar for information

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- 2) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Forest Conservation) & Nodal Officer,(FCA) Bangalore's letter No:KFD/HOFF/A52K (GFL)/18/ 2019-FC, E-72712 dated: 21-04-2022 and 26-12-2022 addressed to CF.KC., Sirsi and copy marked to you
- 3) Your letter No: B2/GFL/CR-324/1983-84 dated: 27-12-2022
- 4) This office letter even No. dated: 04-01-2023
- 5) Chief General Manager (Tech) and Regional Officer, National Highway Authority of India, Bengaluru's letter No: NHAI/RO-BNG/Forest/25027(B)/5/2022-23/3524 date: 17-01-2023

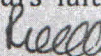
In responding to the Govt. of India's letter cited at reference (1), the Chief General Manager (Tech) and Regional Officer, National Highway Authority of India, Bengaluru has submitted vide his letter cited at reference (5) that, the project 4/6 laning of Goa Karnataka Border-Kundapur Section of NH-66 (formerly NH-17) (Km. 93.700 to Km. 283.300) is being executed/executing under (DBFOT by Concessionarie M/s. IRB Westcoast Tollway Private Limited, Mumbai. The independent engineer of for the project was AECOM Asia Company Limited in Association with Rodic Consultant Pvt. Ltd., for supervision and monitoring of works to be executed. They are represented by Team Leader and Resident Engineer at Site as Engineer-in-Charge for the works. (Copy enclosed)

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Further, The NHAI stated that, the construction of toll plaza was carried out as per the working permission issued by Project Seabird Authority in the forest area which was earlier diverted to Project Seabird.

Yours faithfully,



Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Karwar Division, Karwar.

Copy submitted to Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation), and Nodal Officer (FCA), Aranya Bhavan, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru for kind information.



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No. NHAI/RO-BNG/Forest/25027(B)/5/2022-23/3524

Date: 17.01.2023

To
The Deputy Conservator of Forests
Karwar Division
Karwar,
Uttara Kannada District.

Sub: 4/6 laning of Goa Karnataka Border – Kundapur Section of NH-66 (formerly NH-17) (Km. 93.700 to Km. 283.300) (NHAI/DBFOII/DPR/01) to be executed as BOT (Toll) Project on DBFO Pattern under NHDP – Diversion of 2.469 ha of forest land in Sy.No.10/A1 of Hattikere Village, Ankola Taluk U.K District, Karwar Division – reg.

- Ref: 1) F-Karwar letter no B4/GFL/FCA/SR-11/2011-12 dated 04.01.2023
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3) PCCF(FC), Nodal Officer letter no. KDF/HOFF/ A52K(GFL) /18 /2019-FC E-72712 dated 21.04.2022 and 26.12.2022.
4) ACS, FE&E dept. letter no APG 41 FLL 2020(E) dated 16.12.2022.
5) MoEF&CC letter no F.No.4-KRB1249/2020-BAN/780 dated 07.10.2022.

Sir,

- Please refer to your letter cited (1) vide which forwarded the below mentioned observation and information sought by MoEF & CC, further requested to submit action taken report including names of the officials involved in violation of F(C) act 1980 in above mentioned matter.

"The subject proposal was considered in the Regional Empowered meeting held on 28/09/2022. During the meeting, REC noted that the instant proposal involves violation of F(C.) Act, 1980 and the information submitted by the State Government vide letter dated 18.09.2021 with respect to action taken report on the violations was not complete and satisfactory. Therefore, REC decided to seek detailed Action Taken report from State Government including names of the officials involved in the said violation".

- With reference to above, please refer this office letter dated 27.06.2022 vide which detailed justification / reason for taking up the work prior to approval under Forest of F(C.) Act, 1980 and requested to kindly consider clarification in the larger interest of public/NHAI.

- Further it is to submit that, the project 4/6 laning of Goa Karnataka Border – Kundapur Section of NH-66 (formerly NH-17) (Km. 93.700 to Km. 283.300) is being executed/executing under (DBFOT by Concessionaire M/s JRB Westcoast Tollway Private Limited. Mumbai. The Independent Engineer for the project was AECOM Asia company Limited in Association with Rodic Consultant Pvt. Ltd., for supervision and monitoring of works to be executed. They are represented by Team Leader and Resident Engineer at Site as Engineer-in-Charge for the works.

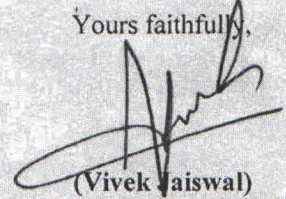
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Submitted for kind perusal and onward submission to Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,



(Vivek Jaiswal)
Chief General Manager (Tech) &
Regional Officer-Bengaluru

Copy to:

1. The DDGF(Central) Regional Office (Southern Zone), Koramangala, Bengaluru.
2. The PCCF (FC) and Nodal officer FCA Arayana Bhavan Bangalore- For information please
3. The CCF ,Canara Circle, Sirsi, - For information please
4. Regional Officer, NHAI, Bengaluru - for information please
5. The Project Manager, M/s. IRBWTP, Kumta - for information and n/a
6. The, M/s. Theme Engineering Services Pvt Ltd . Bhatkal - for information
7. PA to ACS Home for information please.