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Date As per e-sign

To,

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

Sir,

Sub: Renewal of Forest Lease of 0.4 ha forest land in Kodamburu village Sy No. 128, Kasaba Hobli, Madikeri Taluk, Kodagu District (Madikeri Forest Division) for existing 33 KV Murnad Power Sub-Station in favour of the Executive Engineer, Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation Limited (CESC), O&M Division, Madikeri.

Proposal No. FP/KA/Others//21113/2016 [FORM-B].

- Ref:**
1. This office letter of even number dated 23-02-2021 [additional information] and 16-05-2022 [communication of GOI EDS Query], 28-08-2025 [seeking complete information].
 2. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Regional Office (Southern Zone), Bengaluru letter F.No. 4-KRB1304/2021-BAN dated 18-08-2021 [EDS query].
 3. Government of Karnataka letter dated 08-04-2022 [communication of GOI EDS query].
 4. Executive Engineer, O & M division, Madikeri letter No.EE(Ele)/AEE(O)/AE(T)/2025 dated 25-08-2025 [reply to GOI EDS Query].
 5. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Madikeri Division letter No. A3/Land/CR-96/24-25 dated 28-08-2025 [reply to CF Kodagu].
 6. Conservator of Forests, Kodagu Circle, letter No. Bhoomi/FC proposal/FP/2113/2016/2025-26 dated 03-10-2025 [reply submitted to this office].

With reference to the above proposal additional information submitted by this office vide Ref (1) letter dated 23-02-2021, the Government of India vide Ref (2) has raised an EDS Query seeking certain additional information. The same has been communicated by the Government of Karnataka vide Ref (3) to this office. Accordingly,

this office vide Ref (1) letter dated 16-05-2022 has forwarded the same to the field officers and further to User Agency.

In response, the User Agency vide Ref (3) has submitted the information sought by the Government of India, that has been forwarded to this office through FC web portal by the field officers vide Ref (5) & (6).

Based on the reply furnished by the User Agency and the information available in the proposal, the following reply is submitted to the query raised by Government of India.

GOI EDS query dated 18-08-2021		Reply / further action to be taken
1	Number of trees to be felled in the proposed area.	There are no trees are felled or trimmed.
2	Justification for delay in submission of renewal proposal as previous FC approval expired on 23-07-2006.	The justification submitted by the user agency may be accepted. The reply of the user agency is hereby enclosed as ANNEXURE-I.
3	Proper Justification note of user agency for renewal of FC lease.	
4	Recommendation letter of DCF concerned in the English language.	Recommendation letter of the DCF Madikeri division is hereby enclosed as ANNEXURE-II.

It is requested to forward the above information to the Government of India in response to the EDS query dated 30-06-2021 for further needful.

Yours sincerely

Digitally signed by
MAHESH BASAVARAJ SHIRUR

Date: 11-11-2025 12:16:55

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

1. Conservator of Forests, Kodagu Circle, Madikeri for information.
2. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Madikeri Division for information.
3. Executive Engineer, Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation Limited (CESC), O & M division, Madikeri-571 201 for information.



KARNATAKA FOREST DEPARTMENT

No:Bhoomi/FC Proposal/FP 21113/2016/2025-26

Office of Conservator of Forests
Kodagu Circle, Madikeri
Dated:03-10-2025

To,

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
and Nodal Officer (Forest Conservation)
Aranya Bhavan,
Bengaluru.

Sir,

Sub : Renewal of Forest Lease of 0.4 hectare forest land in Kodamburu Village Sy. no. 128, KasabaHobli, Madikeri Taluk Kodagu District (Madikeri Forest Division) for existing 33 Kv Murnad Power Sub-station in favour of the Executive Engineer, Chamundeshwari Electricirty Supply Corporation Limited(CESC) O & M Division, Madikeri Proposal No FP/KA/Others/21113/2016 (Form-B)


- Ref:**
1. Your Office Letter No:KFD/HOFF/A5-6(GEL)/13/2019-FC Dtd.:21-07-2025.
 2. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Madikeri Division, Madikeri Letter No.:A3/ Bhoomi/CR-96/2024-25 Dtd.:28-08-2025
 3. Executive Engineer(EL) CESC O & M Madikeri, madikeri Letter No.EE (Ele)/AEE(O)/AE(T)/ 2025-26/2569 Dtd.:25-08-2025

As per the direction in the office letter dated 21/07/2025, the user agency submitted a compliance report for items 1 to 3 and in relation to item No. 4 Deputy Conservator of Forests, Madikeri has submitted the compliance report regarding renewal of Forest Land 0.4 ha in Kodamburu Village. The power sub-station was constructed in 0.4 Ha of Protected Forest in 1998 and supplying electricity to Napoklu, Murnadu, Hodduru, Kunjila, Kakkabbe, Ballamavati, Margodu, Hoskeri, Hakattur, Emmemadu Grama Panchayath's Villages and fulfilling all type of requirements. Therefore it is necessary to renew the said lease and the same is recommended by Deputy Conservator of Forests Madikeri to this office.

The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Madikeri Division, Madikeri and the User agency's reports are attached to this letter (reference no 2 and 3) for further needful action.

Thanking you,

Yours Faithfully


Conservator of Forests
Kodagu Circle, Madikeri

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ದಿನಾಂಕ : 28/08/2025

To:

✓ The Conservator of Forests
Kodagu Circle, Madikeri

Sir,

Subject : Renewal of Forest Lease of 0.4 ha Forest land in Kodamburu Village Sy No 128, Madikeri Taluk, for existing 33 KV Murnad Power Sub-Station regarding

- Reference : 1) This office letter is numbered: Date: 05/03/2025
2) The Hon'ble Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation) and Nodal Officer, Bangalore, Office Letter No.: KFD/HOFF/A5-6/(GFL)/13/2019-FC, Date: 21/07/2025
3) His Office Letter No.: KFD/HOFF/A5-6/(GFL)/13/2019-FC, Date: 21/07/2025
4) Executive Engineer (V) Works and Maintenance Department, Ch.V.S.N.I.N., Madikeri, Letter No.: EE(Ele)/AEE(O)/AE(T)/2025-26, Date:

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With reference to the above matter, Proposal No.: FP/KA Others 21113/2016 (Form B) regarding the revision and sanction of the lease period of 0.40 hectares of forest land in Survey No. 128, Kodamburu village, at the site of Murnadu Power Station, regarding the 4 points mentioned in the letter of Deputy Inspector General of Forest (Central), Bengaluru, information has been obtained from the user agency for points 01 to 03 and information has been consolidated from this office for point 04 and report has been submitted to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Nodal Officer) Forest Conservation, Aranya Bhavan, Bengaluru in the letter of reference (1).

Further, in the letter of reference (2), the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation) and Nodal Officer, Bangalore have instructed to inspect the said plant and submit additional adequate information for item-2, item-3 and item-4. Accordingly, the necessary information for item-2 and item-3 has been obtained from the user agency in this office in reference (4).

The following information and explanation has been submitted regarding item-4.

After verifying the explanation given in reference (4) by the user agency, its found that the lease period of the Murnadu Power Sub Station established in the area of 0.40 hectares at Survey No. 128, of Kodamburu village, Madikeri Taluk was expired on 28/11/2006 and the user agency has submitted a request for renewal of the lease period to this office on 04/09/2012. The user agency has submitted a request for renewal of the lease period through the Parivesh portal and has paid the outstanding lease

amount of Rs. 12236/- (Receipt No.: 470993, Date: 24/02/2014) and lease renewal fee of Rs. 6125/- to this office. (Receipt No.: 853558, Date: 23/04/2020)

Further, I visited the said site on 22/08/2025 and inspected the site. The said Power Distribution Station was established in 1998 and there are currently no trees in the sanctioned 0.40 hectare of forest area.

The said 0.40 hectare forest area has been leased from the government since before 2006, and during the said period itself, a 33 KV power substation has been constructed and is being operated as per the lease permission granted by the government.

Madikeri taluk is a hilly area, and electricity is being supplied from the said power station to various villages in Madikeri taluk such as Napoklu, Moornadu, Hoddur, Kunjila, Kakkabe, Ballamavati, Maragodu, Hosakeri, Hakathur, Emmemadu gram panchayats. Almost all the electricity requirements of Madikeri taluk depend on this unit.

Accordingly, considering the above matters, this opinion report has been submitted for your further action and consideration with the recommendation that it is necessary to renew the lease period of the 33/11KV Power Supply Substation established in the name of Executive Engineer (V) Works and Maintenance Division, CHESCOM, Madikeri, located in an area of 0.40 hectares in Survey No. 128, Kodamburu Village, Madikeri Taluk.

Yours faithfully



Deputy Conservator of Forests
Madikeri Division, Madikeri

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NO: EE(Ele)/AEE(O)/AE(T)/2025-26/ 2569

Dated: 25/01/25

To,
Deputy Conservator of Forests
Madikeri Division, Madikeri

Sir,

Sub:- Extension/renewal of contract lease deed of 33KV Sub Station Murnad at survey no 128 of Kodamburu villafe – reg. .

- Ref:-
1. This Office letter No:EEE/AEE(O)/AET/12-13/5189-90 / 04.09.20212
 2. This Office letter No:EEE/AEE(O)/AET/12-13/7471 / 05.02.2013
 3. Your office letter No:A3/LN/96/13-14 / 07.12.2013
 4. A5(6)/GFLSR/184/95-96/ 01.10.2014
 5. Proposal No: FP/KA/others/ 21113/2016
 6. This office Letter No: EEE/AEE(O)/AET/17-18/5638 / 27.02.2018
 7. This office Letter No: EEE/AEE(O)/AET/19-20/1076 / 17.05.2019
 8. This office Letter No: EEE/AEE(O)/AET/19-20/9127-29/ 31.12.2019
 9. DCF Letter No: Land/CR-96/2001-02/ 20.11.2019
 10. E-Office letter No: KFD/HOFF/A5-6(GFL)/13/2019-FC-KFD Dated 28.08.2020
 11. Government of India Ministry of Environment, forest & climate change, Regional Office (Southern Zone), Bengaluru Correspondence ending at letter no 4-KRB 1304/ 2021-BAN/435 / 18.08.2021
 12. Principal Chief Conservator of forests (Forest Conservation) and Nodal officer (FCA) letter no:A(6)GFL CR-9/2016-17 / 16.05.2022
 13. A3/land/CR-96/2022-23/ 05.11.2022
 14. This office Letter No: EEE/AEE(O)/AET/2023-24/ 7209-11/ 16.03.2024
 - 15 This office Letter No: EEE/AEE(O)/AET/2024-25/1202-205/ 15.06.2024
 16. Principal Chief Conservator of forests (Forest Conservation) and Nodal officer (FCA) letter no: KFD/HOFF/A5-6)GFL/13/2019-FC/ 21.07.2025

Adverting to the above subject under ref (16) the detailed information/report for the below mentioned points were requested for renewal of time extension/renewal of contract lease deed related to 33/11 KV Sub Station, Murnad at survey no 128 of Kodamburu village.

1. Number of trees to be felled in the proposed area

33/11KV substation commissioned in the year of 1998 & is already functioning in the said area lease agreement carried in 15.5.1997, hence none of the trees in the area to be felled/trimmed.

2. Justification for delay in submission of renewal proposal as previous FC approval expired on 23.07.2006

Contract lease approval was taken on 15.05.1997 for the next 10 years from the date 29.11.1996, which was expired on 28.11.2006. Letter was sent on 04.09.2012 wide ref(1) from this office for the extension till next 10 year. Further a letter was addressed to DCF, Madikeri regarding

issue of lease agreement in the name of CESC instead of KPTCL wide ref(2) on date 05.02.2013. As per the order of Govt of India under ref(3) & (4). All proposals from 14.08.2014 in forest land to be uploaded in Parivesh Portal for approval from forest department. Further the pending lease amount of Rs.12236/- has been paid to forest department wide receipt no 470993 on dated 24.02.2014. And also the proposal has been uploaded in Parivesh Portal on 06.09.2016 wide ref(5). The proposal was examined by forest department and instructed to submit the additional information/documents and the same was submitted from this office under ref(6). Further the payment of Rs.6,125 (vide DD No: 853558/ 23.04.2020) was made from this Office for the lease renewal from 28.11.2016 to 27.11.2026. The observations made by forest office was attended and resubmitted by this office on 17.05.2019 & 31.12.2019 wide ref(7) & (8). DCF Madikeri instructed to this Office to submit the proposal by online with relevant the documents and to submit the Part-2 Proforma with relevant details on dated 20.11.2019 wide ref(9) Further the proposal along with the reasons for delay was submitted to CCF, Madikeri was rejected by CCF Madikeri on 28.08.2020 wide ref(10). Further as per the letter cited under ref(11) the further justification & recommendation by DCF Madikeri was instructed by Central Forest Department on 18.08.2021. In this regard information was sought by Forest Officials wide ref(12)& (13). Hence the Compliance report was submitted by this office wide ref(14) on dated 16.03.2024 & on dated 15.06.2024 wide ref(15). In this regard the observations were recorded by PCCF(FC), Bangalore and instructed this office to submit the compliance report in detail wide letter cited under ref(16).

Hence i wish to bring your kind notice that the proposal for renewal of lease agreement was delayed mainly due to the delay in submission of relevant compliance reports and details for the several observations recorded by FC. Further due to the transfer of officials and covid pandemic reasons, land slide and heavy monsoon period troubles other public service reasons the renewal of lease agreement was delayed by this office. Further I here with assure that this type of delay will not occur in future days.

3. Proper Justification note of user agency for renewal of FC lease

The Existing 33/11KV Sub-Station was established during the year 1998. The said Sub-Station was constructed to provide electricity to the Consumers of Napoklu, Murnad, Hodduru, Kunjila-Kakkabe, Ballamavati, Maragodu, Hoskeri, Hakathuru, Yemmemadu Grama Panchayath's Consumers. There are 23171 installations connected to this Power Station. The Power Supply to Drinking Water Supply and Street Light installations of all these Villages is met from this Sub-Station. The said Sub-Station is the only source of Electricity to these Villages and is located at the Load Centre. Further there is no alternate suitable place available for construction/shifting of said Sub-Station. Presently Murnad area was commercially improving and many of commercial installation are connected by this substation. Hence the Renewal of the land lease agreement where the power station is functioning is of most important. Hence kind request to give extension of the contract lease for the maximum duration possible.

Thanking You ,

Yours Faithfully

Executive Engineer (EL)
CESC O & M Madikeri
Madikeri