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To

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

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 0.9894 ha of forest land in Sy No. 126, 129, 142, 143, 145 & 2 of Kattaya village, Hassan Taluk & District for providing water supply to Hassan city in favour of Executive Engineer, Karnataka Urban Water Supply and Drainage Board (KUWSDB) Division, M.G. Road, Hassan-reg. **Proposal No. FP/KA/WATER/31233/2018**

- Ref:**
1. This office letter of even number dated 29-11-2019 to Government of Karnataka [proposal for Stage-I approval] and 04-04-2019 [communication of GOI EDS Query on 27-03-2019].
 2. Government of Karnataka letter No. FEE 96 FLL 2018 dated 28-01-2019 [proposal for Stage-I approval], 22-03-2019 [communication of GOI EDS Query on 27-03-2019], 10-05-2019 [submission of report].
 3. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Regional Office (Southern Zone), Bengaluru letter F.No.4-KRB1180/2019-BAN dated 22-02-2019 [site inspection], 07-03-2019 [seeking additional information] and reminder dated 27-05-2019.
 4. Chief Conservator of Forests, Hassan Circle, Hassan letter No.A8/LAND/FC-CR-54/2018-19 dated 13-06-2019 [Reply to GOI EDS Query].

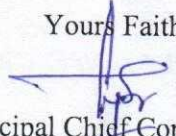
With regard to the above mentioned proposal under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, submitted by this office vide Ref (1) letter dated 29-11-2019 to Government of Karnataka, and further by State Government vide Ref (2) letter dated 28-01-2019 to the Government of India. In this regard, an EDS Query dated 08-03-2019 has been raised by Government of India vide Ref (3). The same was communicated by this office vide Ref (1) to the User Agency through field officers.

In response, the **User Agency has submitted** the following reply through field officers vide Ref (4).

Sl. No.	EDS raised / Information sought by Government of India	Reply
1.	Undertaking by User Agency that, 'in case the approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of forest land is declined, it is technically feasible to execute the project along an alternate alignment without involving diversion of forest land'	<p>The User Agency in their letter dated 23-03-2019 have stated that <i>"as the existing pipe line laid in the alignment is more than 38 year old, which is in depilated condition, resulting in frequent interruptions in supply of drinking water to Hassan city, due to this public of Hassan city is facing acute shortage of drinking water. 800 meters of existing pipe line was laid in the same alignment and presently it is proposed to use only 2400 m (including existing 800 m) of forest land and that too laying on either side of the existing service road, hence there is no damage to the forest flora and fauna and even soil erosion is very minimum"</i>.</p> <p>Further, the User Agency has stated that <i>"this project is feasible only by utilizing this forest land and other alternate alignment is also not possible. Hence from this it can be observed that the project cannot be executed successfully without this land"</i>.</p> <p>Further, it is noted that the alignment in majority part is proposed along the SH-21, which in the later alignment is having 5 hairpin curves between points No. 33/34 up to 39/40. The water supply pipe line is ordinarily laid in straight stretches in order to maintain flow-pressure and good water flow. The User Agency has submitted that laying of pipe line along the SH-21 between points No.33/34 up to 39/40 is not technically feasible.</p> <p>The User Agency has not submitted the 'Undertaking' but has emphasized the abovementioned technical grounds.</p> <p>As the proposal pertains to drinking water which involves replacement of an existing old pipeline it may be considered favorably.</p>


In view of above, the Government of Karnataka is requested to move the matter with Government of India for obtaining approval 'in-principal' (Stage-I) approval under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Yours Faithfully


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

Copy to:

1. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Hassan Circle, Hassan for information.
2. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Hassan Division, Hassan for information.
3. The Executive Engineer, Karnataka Urban Water Supply and Drainage Board (KUWSDB) Division, M.G. Road, Hassan for information.


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