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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

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Principal Chief Conservator of
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To,

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

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 1.1594 hectare of forest land in 12 Villages in Shivamogga District (Shivamogga Wildlife Division) for laying of Underground OFC Cable within the existing RoW from Biligalluru to Nagavalli in favour of DGM, Jio Digital Fiber Private Limited, Bengaluru

Proposal No. FP/KA/OFC/144741/2021

- Ref:**
1. Government of Karnataka letter No. FEE 12 FLL 2023 (e) dated 11-08-2025 [Communication of GOI EDS Query]
 2. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Regional Office (Southern Zone), Bengaluru letter No. 4-KRB 1492/2024-BAN dated 28-07-2025 [EDS Query]
 3. Jio Digital Fiber Private Limited, Bengaluru letter No. JDFPL/ROW/Forest/2025-26 dated 18-08-2025 [Reply to the GOI EDS Query]

With reference to the above proposal, the Government of India vide Ref (2) has raised the following EDS Query

“Scrutiny revealed that the documentary evidence showing the ROW existing prior to 1976-77 is not found enclosed along with the reply submitted by the State Government. It may also be noted that, if there is no documentary evidence available, then the proposal has to be treated as a fresh diversion case and the approval of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife would be required as the area proposed for diversion is within a Protected Area”

The same has been communicated by the Government of Karnataka vide Ref (1). In response, the User Agency vide Ref (3) has submitted the Survey of India topo map which is surveyed in the year 1976-77 and the road is highlighted on map. **The report along with topomap submitted by the User Agency is enclosed to this letter.**

It is requested to forward the above information / Documents to the Government of India in response to the EDS query dated 28-07-2025 for further needful.

Yours Faithfully

Digitally signed by
MAHESH BASAVARAJ SHIRUR

Date: 30-10-2025 13:19:26

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

Copy to the:

1. Chief Conservator of Forests, Shivamogga Circle for information.
2. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shivamogga Wildlife Division for information.
3. Deputy General Manager, Jio Digital Fiber Private Limited, No.51, RMZ Icon, Palace Cross Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru - 560052 for information

JIO DIGITAL FIBRE PRIVATE LIMITED

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Ref No: JDFPL/ROW/Forest/ 2025-26

18-08-2025

To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (F.C)

Aranya Bhavan, Malleswaram, Bangalore

Dear Sir/Madam,

Sub: FP/KA/OFC/144741/2021- Digital Fiber

Underground OFC Cable from laying JIO Optical Fiber Cable along the Right of Way in NH-PWD road from Theerthahalli-Shivamogga and Agumbe-Kattekoppa in Theerthahalli and Shivamogga Taluk, Shivamogga District, Shivamogga Division.- reg

Ref: F.No. 4-KRB1492/ 2024-BAN. Letter from Reginal office, Koramangala, Bangalore, Diversion of 1.1594 ha. Of Forest land in 12 Villages in Shivmogga District (Shivamogga Wilf Life Division) for laying of Underground OFC cable with in existing ROW from Biligalluru to Nagavalli in favour of DGM, Jio Digital Fiber Private Limited, Begaluru. Dtd: 28-July-2025

With respect to the above proposal and cited reference documentary evidence regarding the roads are in existence in prior to 1980 as show in Survey of India Topo Sheet and same is submitting along with letter.

Further, Regional Office seeking approval of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife would be required as the area proposed for diversion and same is attached to this letter. This is for your kind reference for further action.

Thanking Yours

Yours faithfully,

For Jio Digital Fiber Pvt Ltd.,



(V V Babu) Authorised Signatory

For Jio Digital Fiber Pvt Ltd.,

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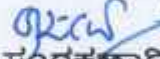
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ಮಾನ್ಯರೇ,

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ತಮ್ಮ ನಂಬುಗೆಯ,


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Proceedings of the 16th State Board for Wildlife meeting held at Hon'ble Chief Minister Home office "Krishna" under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Minister at 04.30 PM on 03.11.2022.

Members present:

Sriyuths,

1	Shri. Basavaraj Borkmai, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru.	Chairman
2	Sri. L.A.Ravi Subramanya, Hon'ble Legislative Assembly Member, No. 380, 1st A'Main Road, Girinagar 1st Phase, Bengaluru-560 085.	Member
3	The Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Forest, Ecology & Environment Department, M.S.Building, Bengaluru.	Member
4	The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Aranya Bhavan, Bengaluru.	Member
5	Dr. Benniamin, Scientist, Botanical Survey of India, India, Pune	Member
6	Director, Fisheries Department, Bengaluru.	Member
7	Director, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services Department, Bengaluru.	Member
8	Dr. Somashekar A.R, Kada Ankanahalli, Bellur Hobli, Kalinganahalli Post, Nagamangala Taluk, Mandya.	Member
9	Sri. Naveen J.S, No.20, 2nd Floor, D.V.G Road, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru.	Member
10	Dr. Shivaprakash N.C, No. 1273, 1st Cross, K.H.B Colony, Magadi Road, Bengaluru.	Member
11	Sri. Siddhartha Goenka, Trustee, Bannerghatta Wildlife Association, Bengaluru.	Member
12	Sri. Thyag Uttappa, No.332, Neeladri Mahal, Jayamahal, Bengaluru.	Member

13	Sri. K.S.N. Chikkeruru (Rtd., IPS), Cottage 725, House of Heera, Nandhani, Hyderabad Highway, Devanahalli, Bengaluru-562 110.	Member
14	Sri. Susheel G, President, Wildlife Association of South India, No.9, Victoria Road, Bengaluru	Member
15	Sri. Malleshappa, President, Swamy Vivekananda Seva Trust, Yellandur, Chamarajnagar	Member
16	Sri.Vinod Kumar B Naika, No.176, 3rd Phase, M.I.G-2, Housing Board Colony, Chikmagaluru-577 102.	Member
17	Sri. Vijay Kumar Gogi, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Bengaluru	Member Secretary

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden and Member Secretary of the Board extended a warm welcome to the Hon'ble Chief Minister & Chairman of the Board and all the members and requested the Chairman to chair the meeting. He initiated discussions as per Agenda of 16th State Board for Wildlife with the approval of the Chair.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister said that since the legal aspects are also important for the board to decide on the proposals to be accepted for discussion in the State Wildlife Board, it is necessary for the Law Ministers to be a part of the board. Therefore, The Hon'ble Chief Minister directed the officials to reconstitute the currently existing State Wildlife Board and take appropriate action as per the rules to include the Law Minister in the Board.

Further, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden and Member Secretary continued to discuss the agenda items of the 16th State Wildlife Board meeting with the permission of Hon'ble Chairman.

Agenda-1:

The member secretary of the Board proposed for confirmation of the proceedings of the 15th State Board meeting held on 19.01.2021, as no comments / suggestions were received on the proceedings from Board members. The board approved the same.

Agenda-2:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden brought to the notice of the Board about action taken on the decisions of the previous SBWL meetings, namely 9th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th State Board for Wildlife meetings, held on 31.08.2016, 09.01.2019, 26.09.2019, 09.03.2020, 20.03.2020 and 19.01.2021 which were approved by Board in the respective meetings as noted hereunder:

Sl. No.	Agenda No. and date	Subject	Action Taken
1	Agenda-24 31.08.2016 (9th Meeting)	Declaring islands of Nethravathi as Conservation Reserve.	The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Mangalore has been directed to review the objection given by Sri. D. Vedavyas Kamath, Hon'ble MLA, Mangaluru South Constituency regarding the proposal to declare the area of 19.87 ha in Survey no 94, 55 & 59 of Japinamogru Village as "Nethravathi Conservation Reserve" and discuss with the Hon'ble MLA and resubmit the proposal. Action will be taken as per the report received from the field officers.
2	Agenda-5 09.01.2019 (11th Meeting)	Declaring Malai Mahadeshwara Wildlife Sanctuary as	The proposal to declare the Malai Mahadeshwara Wildlife Sanctuary has been discussed in the Cabinet meeting

		a Tiger Reserve.	held on 11.03.2022 "The Cabinet has empowered the Chief Minister to take appropriate decision on the proposal. Notification will be issued as MalaiMahadeshwar Tiger Reserve after getting the approval of Hon'ble Chief Minister.
3	Agenda-10 09-01-2019	Declaring Mullaiahanagiri montane forests (other Govt. lands) as Mullaiahanagiri Conservation Reserve.	The Deputy Conservator of Forest, Chikkamagaluru has been directed to submit a revised proposal as directed by Government letter dated: 29.04.2022 regarding the declaration of the area around Mullaiyanagiri as "Conservation Reserve".
4	Agenda-05 26.09.2019 (12th meeting)	Declaration of Bonal Lake in SurapuraTaluk, Yadagiri District as "Bonal Bird Conservation Reserve" under section 36 (a) of the Wildlife Conservation Act, 1972	Necessary steps are being taken to issue the notification after getting the approval of the Cabinet for the said proposal.
5	Agenda-6 26.09.2019 (12th meeting)	Hirekallugudda and other forests declaring as a Arasikere Sloth Bear Sanctuary in Arasikere Range, Hassan Wildlife Division.	Necessary steps are being taken to issue the notification after getting the approval of the Cabinet for the said proposal.
6	Agenda-3 09.03.2020	Diversion 10.45 Ha (9.57 Ha in Dandeli	the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India passed the order on 09.05.2022 in IA

	(13th meeting)	Wildlife Sanctuary & 0.88 ha. in Haliyal Division) of forest land to non-forestry activities for the construction of double line by South western Railway, Hubli from Tainighat - Castlerock - Caranzol.	No. 61370/2021 (Report No.6 of 2021), Application No. 1440/2020, IA No. 107884 of 2021 and IA No. 30853 & 30858 of 2022 filed in WP No. 202/1995 stated that "for the foregoing reasons, we uphold the conclusion of the CEC and revoke the approval granted by the SC-NBWL for doubling the railway line between Castlerock to Kulem. However, this will not preclude the RVNL to carry out a detailed analysis on the impact of the proposed project on the biodiversity and ecology of the Protected Areas under the Wildlife Sanctuary as indicated herein above and then submit a fresh proposal to the SC-NBWL which shall be considered in accordance with law. For the aforementioned reasons, the above interlocutory Applications are disposed of." Accordingly the Divisional Officers have been directed to obtain the revised proposal from User Agency.
7	Agenda-4 09.03.2020 (13th meeting)	Re-notifying the boundaries of Shettihalli Wildlife Sanctuary without reduction in the area & extent.	A draft notification has been prepared and submitted to the Central Government. The notification will be issued after getting the approval of the Central Government.
8	Agenda-7 09.03.2020 (13th meeting)	Wildlife clearance for modernization of the Vijayanagar Channel System located in	The Central Government has issued revised guidelines on 21.07.2022 which states that National Board for Wildlife approval is not required for carrying out

		Ballari, Koppal & Raichur Districts of Karnataka.	non-forestry activities in protected areas and accordingly action has been taken to grant permission to the project as the approval has already been given by the State Board for Wildlife for the said proposal.
9	Agenda-01 20.03.2020 (14th meeting)	According permission for utilizing 595.64 Ha. of forests lands in Karwar, Yellapur and Dharwad divisions for establishing Hubli-Ankola Railway Line.	The said proposal was discussed in 69th Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife meeting held on 30.05.2022. As per the decision taken in the said meeting an expert committee was constituted to review the proposal. The report of the committee is awaited.
10	Agenda-03 19.01.2021 (15th meeting)	Diversion of 0.597 ha (revised from 0.1689 ha) of forest land in Bukkasagara Sy No. 551, Venkatapura Sy.No. 903, Kanive Thimmalapura Sy.No 191, 133 and 258, of Kamalapura Hobli, Hospete taluk, Ballari district for providing combined water supply scheme (CWSS) to Bukkasagara, Devasamudra and other 5 villages in Hospete Taluk,	The proposal was discussed and approved in the 65th Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife meeting held on 24.09.2021.

		Ballari District in favour of the Assistant Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water Supply & Sanitisation Department, Rural Water Supply Sub Division, Hospete Ballari District.	
11	Agenda-04 19.01.2021 (15th meeting)	Submission of proposal for Wildlife Clearance under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 for filling of tanks in Yellburga and Koppal Taluk by lifting water from Tungabhadra River for drinking purpose-reg.	The proposal was discussed and approved in the 67th Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife meeting held on 25.03.2022
12	Agenda-05 19.01.2021 (15th meeting)	Diversion of 0.0642 ha of forest land in Sy.No.21 of Puradala Village for laying of UG water pipeline passing through Puradala SF, Shetihalli Wildlife Division, Shimoga pipe line connecting from patta land in Sy.No.21 of Puradala	The proposal was discussed and approved in the 67th Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife meeting held on 25.03.2022.

		Village to Sy.No.92 of Aladevara Hosur Village for irrigation / agriculture purpose.	
13	Agenda-06 19.01.2021 (15th meeting)	Drinking water supply pipeline from Kithlemane Kodige, Hulugarbailu to Kigga at Chikmagalur District, Kudremukha WL Division Karkala in favour of EE, KRIDL, Chikmagalur	The proposal has been discussed and approved in the 70th SC-NBWL meeting held on 13.10.2022.
14	Agenda-08 19.01.2021 (15th meeting)	Diversion of 2.124 ha. of forest land in Sy No 1 of Chilandavadi village Kanakapurara taluk in Ramanagar dist. for construction of 66 KV SC line on DC towers from existing 66/11 KV Doddalahalli sub Station to proposed 66/11 KV Hegganur Sub Station.	In the meeting held on 19.01.2021 the proposal was approved for underground construction. However, the User Agency submitted that it is not technically possible to carry out the said project underground and hence sought permission to carry out the work through the overhead. The said proposal has been placed before the Board for detailed discussion in Agenda No. 20.
15	Agenda-10 19.01.2021 (15th meeting)	Proposal for ordinary sand quarry over an extent of 12.10 acres (4.896 ha.) At Sy.no	The proposal was rejected in the meeting held on 19.01.2021. Presently, the applicant seeks permission as the proposed quarry area is about 8.01 km

		9/1, 9/2, 9/3 & 12 (part), Herur Village, Molakalmuru taluk, Chitradurga District, Karnataka situated at 8.01 km away from the Extended Gudekote Sloth Bear Sanctuary. (Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/4847/2020)	from the Wildlife Sanctuary. Therefore, the proposal is placed before the Board for reconsideration in Agenda No. 19.
16	Agenda-12 19.01.2021 (15th meeting)	Proposal to develop the cement concrete road on the mud road from Kattinhole to the Kodachadri hill top.	The proposal was discussed in the 67th Standing Committee for National Board for Wildlife Meeting held on 25.03.2022 and decided that "the existing path may be maintained as a mud path only and the forest department may carry out its maintenance wherever there is erosion. It was also decided that the State Government will be asked to examine the feasibility of laying a ropeway to approach the shrine" Accordingly, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Kudremukh National Park, Karkala has been directed to verify and report on the possibility of a ropeway.
17	Agenda-13 19.01.2021 (15th meeting)	Diversion of 22.8 ha. of forest land for relocation of tribal from Nagarahole National Park to Maukal Reserve Forest in Buffer Zone	Instead of relocation the tribal families and others living inside the Nagarahole National Park to the Mavukal reserve forest area, it has been instructed to take action to re-locate them to Panchvalli village after settlement of their rights under the Forest Rights Act

		of Nagarahole National Park Bhadragola Village, Kodagu District	and hence, instructed the divisional officer to review and report accordingly. Action will be taken as soon as the report is received.
18	Agenda-14 19.01.2021 (15th meeting)	Proposal for declaring Marikanive & other forest areas as "Uttare Gudda Wildlife Sanctuary" of Hiriyyur and Hosadurga range of Chitradurga division of Bellary Circle.	After getting the approval of the Cabinet for the said proposal, necessary steps will be taken to issue the notification.
19	Agenda-15 19.01.2021 (15th meeting)	Declaring Mundagi Lake as "Mundagi Lake & Bird Conservation Reserve".	After getting the approval of the Cabinet for the said proposal, necessary steps will be taken to issue the notification.
20	Agenda-16 19.01.2021 (15th meeting)	Declaration of Bankapur Block-1 reserve forest in the Gangavati Range of Koppal Division as "Bankapura Wolf Sanctuary".	After getting the approval of the Cabinet for the said proposal, necessary steps will be taken to issue the notification.
21	Agenda-17 19.01.2021 (15th meeting)	Proposal to declare 1180.29 Ha area of Irakalgada beat in Koppal Range, Koppal Division as "HIRESULEKERE	After getting the approval of the Cabinet for the said proposal, necessary steps will be taken to issue the notification.

		SLOTH BEAR CONSERVATION RESERVE".	
22	Agenda-18 19.01.2021 (15th meeting)	Proposal to declare a total area of 4167.94 ha of forest area in the Ramanagara Division of Bangalore Circle as a Bear Sanctuary	Regarding the proposal to declare the proposed forest areas as wildlife sanctuary, the divisional officer has been directed to discuss with the local representatives & local people and submit a report with their views. Action will be taken immediately after the report is received.
23	Agenda-19 19.01.2021 (15th meeting)	Proposal to declare the Hesaraghatta grassland Area as "Greater Hesaraghatta Grassland Conservation Reserve	Writ Petition No: 6374/2021 and 11738/2021 filed in the Hon'ble High Court against the decision of the State Board for Wildlife, as per the Hon'ble Court passed the order on 29.07.2022 is once again placed before the Board for detailed discussion in Agenda No. 21.
24	Agenda-20 19.01.2021 (15th meeting)	Proposal to declare Alamatti Backwater area as "Chikkasangama Bird Conservation Reserve area"	After getting the approval of the Cabinet for the said proposal, necessary steps will be taken to issue the notification.

The Board approved the compliance report presented by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden and Member Secretary.

Regarding the proposal of declare Malai Mahadeshwar Wildlife Sanctuary as a Tiger Reserve the Chairman and Hon'ble Chief Minister directed the officials to submit detailed map and boundary description information of the proposed Tiger Reserve and necessary order will be issued after verification of the report.

Further, Hon'ble President and Chief Minister addressed the proposal of declaring Mullayanagiri Conservation Reserve and directed the Forest Officers to inspect the site and submit a detailed report immediately in consultation with the Revenue Department and other concerned departments. necessary orders will be issued after verifying information.

Also, many proposal; for declaring protected area are found to be pending since long time, therefore, the Hon'ble chairman suggested to take steps to discuss with the local people, after discussion, the proposals be placed before the state Wildlife Board for discussion.

Agenda-03: Diversion of 0.0288 ha of forest land for construction of New Bridge Across Suligodu Hole at Sy No.103 of Kabbinale Village, Hebri Taluk, Udupi District, Karkala Wild Life Range, Kudremukh Wildlife Division (FP/KA/Others/5476/2020).

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden and Member Secretary has submitted that, the user agency was submitted online proposal for approval of the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife for diversion of 0.0288 ha of forest land for construction of New Bridge across Suligodu Hole at Sy No.103 of Kabbinale Village, Hebri Taluk, Udupi District, Karkala Wild Life Range, Kudremukh Wildlife Division. Further he explained that the proposal has been submitted for the board's approval as the project requires the construction of a new bridge as there are no alternative routes to connect the road during the rainy season to several families living in Tannirubailu village.

The above points were considered and as the proposal would benefit the local public by constructing a new bridge to cross the Suligodu stream it was decided to recommend for construction of New Bridge across Suligodu Hole at Sy No.103 of Kabbinale Village, Hebri Taluk, Udupi District.

Agenda-04: Diversion of 0.2765Ha (say 0.3Ha) of Banthanal SF under Bannerghatta National Park for Construction of 765kv S/C Dharmapuri (Salem) Madhugiri (Tumkur) transmission line(FP/KA/TRANS/37833/2018).

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden and Member Secretary of the Board submitted that, the user agency has submitted online proposal for approval of the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife for diversion of 0.2765Ha (0.3Ha) of Banthanal SF under Bannerghatta National Park for construction of 765kv S/C Dharmapuri (Salem) Madhugiri (Tumkur) transmission line from Dharmapuri to Madhugiri, passing through Survey No.67 Yalachawadi Village, Kanakapur Taluk, Ramnagar District, Harohalli Wildlife Range (Bantnal State Forest) of Bannerghatta National Park. Further, he explained that 0.30 ha required for the said project, the proposal has been submitted for the approval of the board as there is a need for such a forest area. The project will help people and there is no need to cut down any trees for the implementation of the project.

The above points were considered and as the laying of transmission line will help people also, hence, it was decided to recommend the proposal subjected to conditions for diversion of 0.2765Ha (0.3Ha) of Banthanal SF under Bannerghatta National Park for construction of 765kv S/C Dharmapuri (Salem) Madhugiri (Tumkur) transmission line from Dharmapuri to Madhugiri, passing through Survey No.67 Yalachawadi Village, Kanakapur Taluk, Ramnagar District, Harohalli Wildlife Range (Bantnal State Forest) of Bannerghatta National Park.

Agenda-5: Diversion of 4.206 ha. of forest land for Construction of Jack well, Panel Room with allied components and laying of Pipe lines in Chliandavadi State Forest, Muguru State Forest, Bilikal State Forest for Providing Drinking Water supply for Kodihalli & 298 Habitations. (FP/KA/WATER/39356/2019).

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Wildlife) and Chief Wildlife Warden and Member Secretary has submitted that the Multi village drinking water supply project to provide drinking water to Kodihalli and 298 habitations in Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District passes through the Bannerghatta National Park and Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary. The said project requires 3.443 Ha. of forest area in Cauvery Wildlife sanctuary and 0.763 Ha of forest land in the Bannerghatta National Park. As the said project will provide water to the Kodihalli and 298 habitations in

Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District, the proposal is placed for the approval of the Board.

The above points were considered and as the said project will provide water to the Kodihalli and 298 habitations in Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District it was decided to recommend the proposal subject to conditions for diversion of the 3443 Ha of forest area in Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary and 0.763 Ha of forest land in the Bannerghatta National Park.

Agenda 06: Wildlife clearance from NBWL for diversion of 0.035 ha of Forest land in Kadakpl, Kusalapur & M. Hosahalli (Kadakol) Villages of Sirhatti Taluk of Gadag District for construction of over Head Tanks (OHT)/ Ground Level Storage Reservoir (GSLR) & laying of pipeline. (FP/KA/WATER/149106/2021)

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wild Life) & Chief Wildlife Warden and Member Secretary mentioned about the proposed project and explained as below: A project to provide drinking water facility to 320 villages in the Gadag district under Jal Jeevan mission has been taken up and the user agency of project has submitted a online proposal to release 0.035 Ha. of forest area under the jurisdiction of the Kappathagudda wild life sanctuary in Kdakolum Kushalapura and M Hosahalli villages in Shirahatti taluk of Gadag District for the construction of the over head tank and the ground level storage reservoir. The above project is to provide drinking water facility to each household under the Jal Jeevan mission. This project does not have any major effect on the wild life and the work has been proposed to taken up at the edge of the wild life sanctuary, the proposal is placed for the approval of the Board.

The above points were taken into consideration and as the above project is to provide drinking water facility to 320 villages, the proposal for releasing the 0.035 Ha of forest areas in Kappathagudda wildlife sanctuary is approved subject to conditions.

Agenda 7: Diversion of 0.6710 ha forest land under " Ulavi- Kadakarni Lift scheme for drinking water purpose (Head works consisting of construction of weir, Jack well cum pump house, power supply, rising main, delivery chamber, & Gravity mains) in Joida Taluka of Uttara Kannada . District (FP/KA.WATER/46172/2020)

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden and Member Secretary, mentioned about the proposed project and explained that, the water from the Kanneri River is supplied through pipeline to fill the Vyagina, Veerabhadreshwara and Shivatheertha lakes in Ulavi and Kadagarni villages of Joida Taluk, Uttara Kannada District. The aim of the project is to increase the ground water level in these areas and solve the drinking water problems encountered by the people and livestock of the Ulavi and Kadagarni villages. The User agency of the project has submitted proposal online for diversion of the 0.6710 Ha of forest land in Anashi National park for the approval of the National Wildlife Board. For the project, Jack well, Foot bridge, Delivery chamber, and pipeline are to be constructed. As the pipeline has already been laid beside the road it does not have much effect on the forest area. Also the jack well, foot bridge delivery chamber will be constructed in the area where there is no high density forest. As there is no requirement of cutting of any trees for this project the proposal is placed before the board for approval.

The above points were considered and as the project envisage filling the Vyagina, Veerabhadreshwara and Shivatheertha lakes in Ulavi and Kadagarni villages of Joida Taluk, Uttara Kannada District and thereby to increase the ground water level in these areas and resolve the drinking water problems encountered by the people and livestock of the Ulavi and Kadagarni villages. Therefore, the proposal to release the 0.6710 Ha of forest area of Anashi National Park is approved subject to conditions.

Agenda-8: Diversion of 0.3496 ha. of forest land in Dandeli Wildlife Sanctuary for Jio Digital Fiber Underground OFC Cable from Halsi - Londa to Karnataka/Goa Boarder trough Reserve Forest in various villages of Uttara Karnataka and Belgavi District. (Proposal No. : FP/KA/OFC/5852/2021)

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Wildlife) and Chief Wildlife Warden and Member Secretary has submitted that the user agency was submit the wildlife clearance proposal through online for diversion of 0.3496 Ha. of forest land in Dandeli Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of underground Jio Fiber optical cable from Halasi-Londa to Karnataka / Goa border through various reserve forest areas of Uttarkannada district and Belgaum district . As the said project runs along the National Highway NH 4A, the said project will not much adversely affect the wildlife and forest. Further the forest land required by the project (for laying pipeline) is open land and already utilized by the public and the proposed project will improve the mobile and internet connectivity of the region which is essential for its overall development and also the project least impact on Dandeli Wildlife Sanctuary, hence the proposal is placed for the approval of the Board.

The above points were considered and as the said project area runs along the alignment of NH 4A there will not much negative effect on forest and wildlife, hence, it was decided to approve the said proposal subject to providing free internet service to the local offices of the forest department.

Agenda-9: Jio Digital Fiber Underground OFC Cable from Karkala to Sringeri through Reserve Forest (Kudremukh National Park) in various villages of Chikkamagaluru and Udupi District. (Proposal No. FP/KA/OFC/140929/2021)

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Wildlife) and Chief Wildlife Warden and Member Secretary has submitted that, the user agency has submitted online proposal for the approval of the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife for diversion of 0.62451 ha of forest land in Kudremukh National Park for underground laying of Jio Fiber optical cable from Karkala to Sringeri through Kudremukh National Park. Further, he explained that as the said project runs along the National Highway 169 and the proposed project will improve the mobile and internet connectivity of the region which is essential for its overall development, and the impact of this project on

Kudremukh National Park is less, hence the proposal is placed for the approval of the Board.

The above points were considered and as the said project does not have negative effect on forest and wildlife, hence, it was decided to approve the proposal for laying underground Jio OFC from Karkala to Sringeri subject to providing free internet service to the local offices of the forest department.

Agenda-10: Diversion of 0.633 ha. Of forest land in Someshwara Wildlife Sanctuary for Jio Digital Fiber Underground OFC Cable from Karkala to Agumbe. (Proposal No. : FP/KA/OFC/6076/2021)

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Wildlife) and Chief Wildlife Warden and Member Secretary has submitted that, the user agency has submitted online proposal for the approval of the Standing Committee of the National Board for Diversion of 0.633 ha. of forest land in Someshwara Wildlife Sanctuary for laying Jio Digital Fiber Underground OFC Cable from Karkala to Agumbe. Further, he explained that as the said project runs along the Baindur-Virajpet SH 27 and National Highway 169-A and the proposed project will improve the mobile and internet connectivity of the region which is essential for its overall development, and the impact of this project on Someshwara Wildlife Sanctaury is less, hence the proposal is placed for the approval of the Board.

The above points were considered and as the said project does not have negative effect on forest and wildlife, hence, it was decided to approve the proposal for laying underground Jio OFC from Karkala to Sringeri along the road side of the the Baindur-Virajpet SH 27 and National Highway 169-A subject to providing free internet service to the local offices of the forest department.

Agenda 11:- Laying of Optical fiber cable by Jio digital from Ramapuram to Marthalli Villages of Kollegela Mandal of Chamrajnagar District (FP/KA/OFC/151170/2022)

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Wildlife) and Chief Wildlife Warden and Member Secretary has submitted that, the user agency has submitted online proposal for the approval of the Standing Committee of the National Board for diversion 1.7936 ha of forest land for laying underground optical fiber cable from Ramapura to Martalli

in Malaimahadeshwar Wildlife Sanctuary. Further, he explained that the said project runs along the RoW of the existing road and does not require cutting of trees in forest land for the project and, the impact of this project on wildlife is less, hence the proposal is placed for the approval of the Board.

The above points were considered and as the said project runs along the RoW of the existing road and the impact of this project implementation on wildlife is less, hence, it was decided to approve the proposal subject to providing free internet service to the local offices of the forest department.

Agenda 12:-Proposal of Jio Digital Fiber underground OFC cable laying in forest area along the road side in Supa- Anashi & Dandeli-Anashii in Dandeli Wild Life Division Kali Tiger Reserve of Uttar Kannada (Proposal No.: FP/KA/OFC/152519/2022

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Wildlife) and Chief Wildlife Warden and Member Secretary has submitted that, the user agency has submitted online proposal for the approval of the Standing Committee of the National Board for diversion 1.9858 ha of forest land for laying underground optical fiber cable along the existing road from Kulgi-Bommanahalli, Kateli-Kadra, Ulavi-Anashi in Dandeli Wildlife Sanctuary and Anshi National Park. Further, he explained that, the proposed project will improve the mobile and internet connectivity of the region which is essential for its overall development, and the impact of this project on Dandeli Wildlife Sanctuary & Anshi National Park is less, hence the proposal is placed for the approval of the Board.

The above points were considered and as the said project will improve the mobile and internet connectivity of the various villages of the region which is essential for its overall development, the impact of this project implementation on Dandeli wildlife Sanctuary is less, hence, it was decided to approve the proposal subject to providing free internet service to the local offices of the forest department.

Agenda-13:- Laying of Water Pipeline and Water Tanks in the Bellary Forest Division, Chitradurga Forest Division and Tumakuru Forest Division for Drinking Water Supply Scheme to Rural Habitations and Town Of Pavagada Taluk In Tumkur District, Rural Habitations and Town Of Molakalmuru Taluk In Chitradurga District, Rural Habitations of Chalker. (FP/KA/WATER/41470 /2019).

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Wildlife) and Chief Wildlife Warden and Member Secretary has submitted that, the proposed pipeline is being constructed to provide drinking water to different villages of the Pavagadada of Tumukuru District, Molakalmuru and Challakere of Chitradurga District and Kudligi and Hospete Taluks of the Bellary District. The proposed pipeline passes through Gudekote sloth Bear Sanctuary for a length of 3710.40 mtr. The User Agency has submitted a proposal online to obtain approval of the National Board for Wildlife for diversion of the 1.113 Ha (3710.40 mtrs X 3.00 mtrs) of forest area in the Gudekote sloth Bear Sanctuary. The proposed pipeline will be laid to supply the drinking water to the different villages of the Tumukuru, Bellary and Chitradurga Districts. The proposed pipeline passes along the Kudlagi- Gudagote road and it does not require cutting of any trees and will not have any impact on the wildlife habitations in the area. The proposal is placed before the Boards for approval.

The Board considered all the above points and it also observed that the proposed pipeline will be laid to supply the drinking water to the different villages of the Pavagada of Tumukuru District, Molakalmuru and Challakere of Chitradurga District and Kudligi and Hospete Taluks of the Bellary District and the pipe is also being laid underground next to the existing road. Therefore, the approval was accorded to the proposal with conditions.

Agenda 14:- Quarry proposals within 10 km of Kappattagudda Wildlife Sanctuary:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden and Member Secretary have stated that the proposed quarry proposals, Kappattagudda Wildlife Sanctuary declared vide Government Notification dated:

16.05.2019. Further, the proposal for Eco-Sensitive Zone of Kappattagudda Wildlife Sanctuary is pending for Cabinet approval.

Further, Quarry proposal within 10 km from the boundary of the Kappattagudda Wildlife Sanctuary requires prior approval of the Standing Committee of NBWL as per the Central Government Guidelines.

Agenda No.	Place (Village, Taluk and District)	Extent (Ha.)	Distance from the Sanctuary (in Km)
Agenda-14.1	M/s Shree Renuka Enterprises, Sogival Village, Laxmeshwar Taluk, Gadag District	1.0117	4.21
Agenda-14.2	Sri. S. R. Ballari, Chikkasavanoor Village, Shirahatti Taluk, Gadag District	2.4281	6
Agenda-14.3	Sri. Ganesh Y Bankapur, Chikkasavanur Village, Shirahatti Taluk, Gadag District	0.4046	4.7
Agenda-14.4	M/s Nandi Stone Crusher, Chikkasavanoor Village, Shirahatti Taluk, Gadag District	4.4414	4.29
Agenda-14.5	M/s V R Ballari & Co., Chikkasavanoor village, Shirahatti Taluk, Gadag District	2.0234	5.97
Agenda-14.6	M/s V R Ballari & company, Chikkasavanoor Village, Shirahatti Taluk Gadag District	2.3168	5.95
Agenda-14.7	Sri S H Patil, Seetalahari Village, Gadag Taluk, Gadag District	1.6187	3.6
Agenda-14.8	Sri. Srinivasarao S. Lingamaneni in Sy no-116/3, Chikkasavanur Village, Shirahatti Taluk, Gadag District.	0.768	4.77
Agenda-14.9	Sri. Srinivasarao S. Lingamaneni in Sy. No. 116/3 & 116/7, Chikkasavanur Village, Shirhatti taluk, Gadag District	0.4046	4.77
Agenda-14.10	M/s. Basaveshwar M-Sand and Stone Crusher, Chikkasavanoor village, Shirahatti Taluk Gadag District,	4.1480	5.69

Agenda-14.11	M/s Adishakthi Stone Crusher, Partner : Vikram B Ballari, Parasapur Village, Shirahatti Taluk, Gadag District	0.8471	1.1
Agenda-14.12	Sri S.M.Patil in part of Sy. No. 74/6, Sogiwal Village, Laxmeshwar Taluk, Gadag District	1.7199	3.81
Agenda-14.13	Sri. Anand M Nadagoudar, Baradoor Village, Mundargi Taluk, Gadag District	0.4046	8
Agenda-14.14	M/s Nandi Stone Crusher (Partner:Sri. Basavaraj G Veerapur), Chikkasavanoor Village, Shirahatti Taluk, Gadag District.	2.0234	4.26
Agenda-14.15	Sri Rajappa S Halagi, Chikkasavanoor Village, Shirahatti Taluk, Gadag District	0.607	4.8
Agenda-14.16	M/s. Vijayalaxmi Stone Crusher (Prop: Sri. B.H. Kalal) Chikkasavanoor Village, Shirahatti Taluk, Gadag District	1.4163	5.56
Agenda-14.17	Shri. Siddeshwara Stone Crusher (Prop: Smt. Jyothi G Bankapur), ChikkaSavanuru Village, Shirahatti Taluk, Gadag District	2.0234	4.79
Agenda-14.18	Shri. Siddeshwara Stone Crusher (Prop: Sri Ganesh Y Bankapur), ChikkaSavanuru Village, Shirahatti Taluk, Gadag District	1.6187	4.73
Agenda-14.19	Sri Basavaraj S Rayapur, Magadi Village, Shirahatti Taluk, Gadag District,	2.1448	1.004
Agenda-14.20	Sri.Prakash.G.Hegde, Chikkasavanoor village, Shirahatti Taluk, Gadag District,	4.411	4.75
Agenda-14.21	Sri. Rajshekhar R Garag, Chikka Savanuru Village, Shirahatti Taluk, Gadag District	1.214	5.6
Agenda-14.22	Sri. Rajshekhar R Garag of 3-18 acres in Sy. No. 107/1 of ChikkaSavanuru Village, Shirahatti Taluk, Gadag District	1.3961	5.85
Agenda-14.23	Sri.Neelesh.G.Madarkhandi, Chikkasavanoor Village, Shirahatti Taluk,GadagDisrict,	3.2374	4.64
Agenda-14.24	Sri.Mahammadagous M Gadagoli over an extent of 2-10 acres in sy no 47/1 of Hullur Village, Laxmeshwar	0.9105	8.51.

	Taluk, Gadag District		
Agenda-14.25	Sri. Hemagirish G Havinal, Nagarahalli Village, Mundaragi Taluk, Gadag District (Sand).	4.8564	6.30
Agenda-14.26	Sri. Hemagirish G Havinal, Sy No. 1, 2 & 186 of Koralahalli Village, Mundaragi Taluk, Gadag District (Sand).	4.8564	4.40
Agenda-14.27	Sri. Hemagirish G Havinal, Sy No. 2, 3 & 4 of Koralahalli Village, Mundaragi Taluk, Gadag District (Sand).	4.8564	4.90
Agenda-14.28	M/s Welcome Enterprises, Owner Sri. Manjunath R Kabbadi, Seetalahari Village, Gadag Taluk, Gadag District	1.365	3.64

Sri. Siddharth Goenka, Member of the Board informed that the above quarry proposals can be considered after finalizing the proposal for eco-sensitive zone of Kappattagudda Wildlife Sanctuary.

Hon'ble Chairman and Chief Minister directed to apply uniform policy to all wildlife sanctuaries regarding mining (quarry) proposals. Unauthorized mining is already taking place around the Kappattagudda Wildlife Sanctuary and no action is being taken against them. Hence, the chairman directed to the forest officials in the meeting to take urgent action in this regard.

Sri. KSN Chikkeruru, Sri. Tyag Uthappa and Dr. N.C Sivaprakash, Members of Board informed that we have personally conducted site inspection of these proposals and illegal mining is currently going on around Kappattagudda Wildlife Sanctuary and also submitted report given by the Deputy Conservator of Forests about the distance of the above proposals from the wildlife sanctuary which is not factually correct.

Finally the Hon'ble Chairman and Chief Minister directed to officials for issue the notice to stop unauthorized mines (quarry) running within 1 km of Kappattagudda Wildlife Sanctuary. Further, the chairman directed to verify the mines around the Kappattagudda Wildlife Sanctuary along with the above 28 mining proposals by the responsible officer and re-submit the above proposals in the next meeting of the State Board for Wildlife along with the status report on unauthorized mining, Supreme Court order and legal aspects.

Agenda 15:- Multi Colour Granite Quarry of Sri M.N.Manjunath in part of Sy. No 67, Kebbehalli Village, Kanakapura Taluk Ramanagara District. (Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/6101/2021).

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden and Member Secretary have stated that Shri MN Manjunatha, Bangalore, has proposed to establishing Quarry in Sy. No 67, Kebbehalli Village, Kanakapura Taluk Ramanagara District, It was explained in the meeting that the said area is 8.20 km from the boundary of Cauvery Extension Wildlife Sanctuary and the proposal of Eco Sensitive Zone of Cauvery Extension Wildlife Sanctuary is in the preparation stage. Hence, the user agency submitted an online proposal for wildlife clearance as per the Central Government guidelines.

The Board discussed the above points and decided to defer the proposal submitted by Sr. MN Manjunatha, Bangalore.

Agenda 16:- Proposal for "Natural Sand Quarry" in patta land over an extent of 5-10 Acres (2.124Ha) adjacent to Sy. No. 31/1 & 29/1 of Nagasamudra Village, Molakalmuru Taluk, Chitradurga District, Karnataka (Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/5930/2021).

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden and Member Secretary have stated that Sri. O Mallikarjun, has propose to establishing Quarry in Sy. No 31/1 & 29/1 of Nagasamudra Village, Molakalmuru Taluk, Chitradurga District, Karnataka. It was explained in the meeting that the proposal of the Eco Sensitive Zone of Gudekote Extension Wildlife Sanctuary is pending. Hence, the user agency submitted an online proposal for wildlife clearance as per the Central Government guidelines.

The Board discussed the above points and decided to defer the proposal submitted by Sri. O Mallikarjun.

Agenda 17:-A total of 1500.89 ha of reserve forest area in Dhamane S Bailur village of Belgaum taluk declare as "Dhamane S Bailur Conservation Reserve" or Sanctuary under Wildlife Protection act, 1972.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden and Member Secretary have stated Dhamane S. Bailur village is a part of Karnataka state surrounded by Maharashtra state. The Western Ghats which is known for its biodiversity in the world starts from Dhamane S. Bailur village in Karnataka state. There is a total 1500ha. of reserve forest area in this village. The said forest area is a shelter for leopard, wilddog, bear, Sambar deer, Gaur and other rare wildlife. The reserve forest is connected to the Kali Tiger Reserve and the Sahyadri Tiger Reserve of Maharashtra through a designated tiger corridor. Therefore, the proposal was tabled in the Board for detailed discussion to declare the said reserve forest area as "Dhamane S. Bailur Conservation Reserve" or "Dhamane S. Bailur Wildlife Sanctuary" under Section 26A.

Hon'ble Chairman and Chief Minister stated that, the Kalasa-Banduri project has been a demand of North Karnataka for several years. He pointed out to the officials present in the meeting that it is necessary to check whether the project will be affected by the declaration of this protected area.

The Board discussed the above points and examined the proposal of the said Protected Area with the proposed projects for efficient utilization of the water of the Karnataka side of the Mahadai (Mandovi) river; It was decided to give approval to declare 1500 ha. of forest area as "Dhamane S Bailur Conservation Reserve" subjected to the condition of ensuring that the conditions of the proposed Conservation Reserve do not affect the water supply project to the villages.

Agenda 18:-To declare a total area of 329 sq km of Kukwada Ubrani State Forest Area and surrounding reserve forest areas of Bhadravati Division as Kukwada Ubrani Wildlife Sanctuary.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden and Member Secretary have stated that the Kukwada Ubrani State Forest Area and surrounding reserve forest areas are rich in rare forest and wildlife, a total of 24

species like elephant, tiger, leopard, dole, bear, bison are found in these forest areas. Also, this reserve is close to the Bhadra Tiger Reserve in the forest areas, which will become a suitable habitat for tigers coming out of the Bhadra Tiger Reserve in the near future. Therefore, proposal submitted before the board for detailed discussion for declaration of a total area of 305.86 sq km comprising Kukwada-Ubrani State Forest, Antaragage State Forest, Rangayyagiri State Forest, Hadikere East State Forest, Bhadrapura State Forest, Hanne State Forest and Hadikere West State Forest of Bhadravati Division as Kukwada-Ubrani Wildlife Sanctuary.

The above points were discussed in the board. Further, Hon'ble Chairman and Chief Minister directed that the proposal to declare Kukwada Ubrani Wildlife Sanctuary be discussed with locals and suggested to re-submit the proposal with the opinion of the locals for further discussion in the next board meeting.

Agenda 19:- Regarding getting approval of National Wildlife Board for sand quarrying within 10 km of Gudekote Extension Bear Sanctuary.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden and Member Secretary have stated that Shri. Shri Khaja Hussain has been proposed to establishing Quarry in Sy. No. 9/1, 9/2, 9/3 & 12 P, Hairur Village of Molakalmuru Taluk, Chitradurga District, It was explained in the meeting that the said area is 8.01 km from the boundary of Gudekote Extension Sloth Bear Sanctuary. Hence, the user agency submitted an online proposal for wildlife clearance as per the Central Government guidelines. The said proposal was discussed in the meeting of the 15th State Wildlife Board held on 19.01.2021 and the proposal was rejected. At present, the User Agency requested to approved the proposal as the proposed mining area is about 8.01 km from the wildlife sanctuary.

The Board discussed the above points and decided to defer the proposal submitted by Shri. Shri Khaja Hussain.

Agenda 20: Diversion of 2124 Ha of forest area for non-forest use to Executive Engineer (Electricity), Major Works Division, KPTCL, Ramanagara for the approval of the proposed 66 KV S/C Line from the existing 66/11 Doddanahalli Substation to 66/11 KV Hegganuru Substation in Kanakapura Taluk proposed by KPTCL.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wild Life) & Chief Wildlife Warden and Member Secretary informed about the proposal as follows: The proposal of the KPTCL is to lay the 66 KV S/C Line electrical transmission line on D/C towers from the existing 66/11 Doddanahalli Sub station to 66/11 KV Hegganuru Sub station in Kanakapura Taluk. In the State Wildlife board held on 19-01-2021 the matter was discussed and approval was given to lay the underground lines for the same. At present, the User agency has requested that it is not technically feasible to lay the underground line and requested for the permission to take up the work for laying of the overhead line for the project.

Dr. N C Shiva Prakash, Member of the Board informed that the Kaveri Wild life Sanctuary is major Elephant corridor of the State and it is not advisable to take up the overhead electrical transmission line work. Therefore, he requested that the beneficiary agency shall be instructed to take up the project underground only.

The Member of the Board and Hon'ble MLA Shri Ravi Subramaniam explained to the Board that the overhead line will be at a height of around 20 to 25 feet and there will be no obstruction to the movement of the elephants due to this.

Dr. N C Shivaprakash, Member of the Board informed that even though the overhead cables will be 20 to 25 feet above the ground at present, later on there is every possibility that the cables will drop down.

Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Forest, Environment and Ecology department spoke on the subject and informed that the proposed electrical line has to be taken up along the existing road and there is a necessity of holding further discussion with the User Agency about the possibility of laying the Overhead/Underground cables.

Finally, the Board discussed the above proposal in detail and instructed that the proposal for to lay the 66 KV S/C Line electrical transmission line on D/C towers from the existing 66/11 Doddanahalli Sub station to 66/11 KV Hegganuru Sub station in Kanakapura Taluk underground shall be discussed by the Forest Department officials with the User agency. It was instructed that a feasibility report about laying the cable underground shall be prepared and placed before the next Board meeting.

Agenda 21: Proposal to Rename the Hesarughatta grassland area to "Greater Hesarughatta Hullugaavalu Protected Reserve Area"

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wild Life) & Chief Wildlife Warden and Member Secretary spoke about the proposal and informed that the 15th State Wildlife Board meeting held on 19-01-2021 had rejected the proposal to rename the Hesarughatta grassland area to "Greater Hesarughatta Hullugaavalu Protected Reserve Area. Further, while hearing the writ petition No 6374/2021 and 11738/2021 filed against the decision taken by the State Wildlife Board, the Hon'ble High Court has ordered on 29-07-2022 to take afresh decision about the proposal to rename as "Greater Hesarughatta Hullugaavalu Protected Reserve Area". Therefore, the proposal to declare the total of 5010 acre area as "Greater Hesarughatta Grassland Protected Reserve Area" is placed before the Board for approval.

Member of the Board and Hon'ble MLA Shri Ravi Subramaniam spoke about the subject and informed that on 2000 acres out of the proposed 5010 acres is under the control of the State Animal Husbandry Department. Apart from this, if the proposal is accepted many families depending on this grassland area will be affected. He opined that it is not proper to declare the place as protected reserve area without obtaining the opinion of the local people.

Members of the Board Shri Vinod Kumar B Nayak and Shri N C Shivaprakash spoke on the subject and informed that the green area in Bangalore are very less and Hesarughatta is one of the major greening area. It is very important that we have to protect this area.

Board member Shri Siddartha Goenka spoke on the subject and expressed his opinion that the Hesarghatta Grassland area and the adjoining areas have to be protected for water needs of the Bangalore city in future. Further, he gave the technical report about declaring the Hesarghatta Grassland protected reserve area to the Hon'ble Chairman.

The Hon'ble Chairman and Chief Minister noted the above points and instructed that further discussion may be held with locals about the proposal for declaring the area as Hesarghatta Grassland Protected Reserve area and the opinion of the locals along with the video film of the Hesarghatta grassland area shall be placed before the further Board meetings for discussion.

Agenda-22;- NBWL Clearance for the Existing plant complex (Paper mill, printing and writing papers and boards, Captive Power Plant) located at Bangur Nagar Dandeli, Haliyal, Uttarkannada, Karnataka by M/s. West Coast Paper Mills Limited (Proposal No. FP/KA/IND/5495/2020)

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden and Member Secretary have stated that as per the condition of the environmental clearance issued for the said expansion project dated: 19.07.2007 it is mandatory to obtain prior approval of the National Board for Wildlife. But the project has already been extended without getting approval. Further, despite trying to get approval from the Forest Department for industrial expansion, the expansion of the industry has already been undertaken without obtaining permission and the said industry has provided employment opportunities to thousands of people in Dandeli city. The user agency has submitted a wildlife conservation plan for Rs.70 lakh. Therefore, the said proposal submitted for approval of the Board.

The above points were discussed in the Board and decided to Defer decision on the proposal already been undertaken by the M/s. West Coast Paper Mills Ltd.

Agenda 23;-Comprising of augmentation of pulp mill and existing paper machines, installation of Multi-layer Coated Board Machine and installation of 35 MW steam turbine with 135 TPH FBC Boiler at West Coast Paper Mills Ltd, Dandeli, Karnataka by M/s. West Coast Paper Mills Limited FP/KA/IND/4837/2020.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden and Member Secretary have stated that a online proposal has been submitted by M/s West Coast Paper Mills Ltd. for the approval of the Wildlife Clearance to increase their industrial capacity from 320000 TPA to 450000 TPA and Multi-layer Coated Board Machine and installation of 35 MW steam turbine with 135 TPH FBC Boiler as the area proposed for expansion of the industry falls within 10 km of the Kali Tiger Reserve and the final notification of the Eco-Sensitive Zone is pending. He further, stated that the Government of India has already given environmental clearance on date: 01.02.2021 for the proposed expansion of industry.

The above points were discussed in the Board and decided to Defer decision on the proposed expansion proposal submitted by the M/s. West Coast Paper Mills Ltd.

Agenda 24:-

Proposal of JIO digital fiber underground OFC cable laying in forest area along the Right of Way of NH/SH/PWD road side in Madamakki-Nadusala, Mudrady-Varanga & Karvase-Kalasa of Kudremukha Division of Chikmagalur district and Udupi district (Proposal No. FP/KA/OFC/51672/2020).

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden and Member Secretary have stated that the total 0.62451 ha. forest area of Kudremukh National Park and Someshwar Wildlife Sanctuary is required for said project. Further, the proposed project runs through along the existing road, there is not much negative effect on Wildlife and Forest.

Further, since the project runs through side of the existing road, the adverse impact on the wildlife and forest is very less, so the Jio Fiber optical cable will be laid along the existing right-of-way (RoW) of Madamakki-Nadusala, Mudradi-Varanga & Keravase-Kalasa road. Hence, the proposal submit for the approval of the board.

Considering the above factors, the proposal for laying the JIO Fiber optical cable under ground along the existing right of way (RoW) of Madamakki-Nadusala, Mudradi-Varanga & Keravase-Kalasa road within Kudremukh National Park and Someshwar Wildlife Sanctuary as the project has very little adverse impact on wildlife and forest, hence, it was decided to approve the proposal subjected providing free internet service to the local offices of the forest department.

Agenda 25:-

Jio laying Optical Fiber Cable along the RoW of the road from Kalluru-Lingapura in Chincholi Taluk of Chincholi Wild Life area in Kalburgi District (FP/KA/OFC/6242/2022).

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden and Member Secretary have stated that the total 0.407413 ha. forest area of Chincholi Wildlife Sanctuary is required for said project. As the said project runs on the side of the existing road and the adverse impact on wildlife and forest is less, hence, the proposal is submitted for the approval of the board.

Considering the above factors, the proposal for laying JIO Fiber optical cable underground on the side of the existing Right of Way (RW) from Kallur-Lingapura within Chincholi Wildlife Sanctuary is having less adverse impact on wildlife and forest from the said project, hence, it was decided to approve the proposal subjected providing free internet service to the local offices of the forest department.

Agenda 26:- Laying Underground OFC cable all along Right of Way of NH/SH/PWD/ Road from Biligalluru-Nagavalli in Biligalluru, Nadawada Bidaruru, Karumane, Mandhavalli, Aravadhi, Muddhane, Kanapagaru, Banukuli, Chennakonda, Thalale and Skakkarebyle Villages, Sagara, Shimogga and Thirthahalli Taluk of Shivamogga Wild Life (Sharavathi Wild Life and Sakkarebyle) in Shivamogga.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden and Member Secretary have stated that the total 1.303 ha. forest area of Sharavathi LTM Wildlife Sanctuary and Shettihalli Wildlife Sanctuary is required for laying underground Jio Optical fiber Cable. As the project runs through various National Highways/State Highways and Public Roads passing through villages like Biligallur-Nagavalli, Thalale, Chennakonda, Kanapagaru, Banukuli etc. which fall within the boundaries of Shettihalli Wildlife Sanctuary and Sharavathi LTM Wildlife Sanctuary and the adverse impact on wildlife and forest is very less, hence, the proposal submits for the approval of the board.

Considering the above factors, the proposal for laying JIO OFC cable along RoW of the various National Highways/State Highways and Public Roads passing through villages like Biligallur-Nagavalli, Thalale, Chennakonda, Kanapagaru, Banukuli etc. which fall within the boundaries of Shettihalli Wildlife Sanctuary and Sharavathi LTM Wildlife Sanctuary, is considered as the adverse impact on wildlife and forest from the said project is very less, hence, it was decided to approve the proposal subjected providing free internet service to the local offices of the forest department.

Agenda 27:- laying JIO Optical Fiber Cable along the ROW of road from Kothegala-Mullur in Sargu Taluk, Mysore District & Maddur-Noolpuzha, Siddaiahapur-Bandipura & Bachahalli-Bandipura in Gundlupete Taluk, Chamarajanagar District, Bandipura Tiger Reserve.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden and Member Secretary have stated that the the proposed optical fiber cable route passes through four separate routes. They are 1.Kottegala-Mallur road in Saraguru taluk, 2.Maddur-Noolpooj road in Gundlupet taluk, 3.Siddayyanpur-Bandipura road in Gundlupet taluk and 4.Bachchahalli-Bandipura road in Gundlupet taluk. The said

route passes along National Highway 766, National Highway 181 and State Highway 86 under Bandipur Tiger Reserve for a total of 38.24 km, requiring 1.1472 acres of forest area. A trench of 0.3 meters wide and 1.65 meters deep for the said project is to be dug by labour without the use of machines or through the method of HDD (Horizontal directional drilling) which may have a slight negative impact on the forest and wildlife, hence, the proposal is submitted for the approval of the board.

Considering the above factors, the proposal for laying JIO OFC cable along RoW of the various National Highways/State Highways and Public Roads passing through villages like Kothegala-Mullur in Sargu Taluk, Mysore District & Maddur-Noolpuzha, Siddaiahnapura-Bandipura & Bachahalli-Bandipura which fall within the boundaries of Bandipur Tiger Reserve, is considered as the adverse impact on wildlife and forest from the said project is very less, it was decided to approve the proposal subject to providing free internet service to the local offices of the forest department.

Agenda:-28 laying JIO Optical Fiber Cable along the Right of Way in NH-PWD road from Kowdhalli-MMhillWL-Kurahatti-CauveryWL-Dhanthalli and Rampura-Ajjipura-MMHillsWL-DMSamudra-Hanur in Male Mahadeshwara Wild Life Division and Cauvery Wild Life Division in Hanur Taluk, Chamarajanagar District.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden and Member Secretary have stated that that the proposed laying JIO Optical Fiber Cable along the Right of Way in NH-PWD road from Kowdhalli-MMhill WL-Kurahatti-CauveryWL-Dhanthalli and Rampura-Ajjipura-MMHillsWL-DMSamudra-Hanur in Male Mahadeshwara Wild Life Division and Cauvery Wild Life Division in Hanur Taluk is required total 0.5487 ha. of forest land in Malai Mahadeshwara Wildlife Sanctuary and Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary. The proposal is recommended for approval as the forest area required for the said project is less and it runs along the road side and does not cause any damage, hence, the proposal is placed for the approval of the board.

Considering the above factors, the proposal for laying JIO Optical Fiber Cable along the Right of Way in NH-PWD road from Kowdhalli- Kurahatti- Dhanthalli and Rampura-Ajjipura-DM Samudra-Hanur which fall within the boundaries of Malai Mahadeshwara Wildlife Sanctuary and Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary, is considered as the adverse impact on wildlife and forest from the said project is very less, hence, it is

decided to approve the proposal subject to providing free internet service to the local offices of the forest department.

Agenda 29: Development of Bangalore Ring Road ((STRR) Phase- II NH-948A) from Ramanagara to Peddamadhaganapalli (Km 82.200 to 140.000)-57.800 km in District Ramangara and Bangalore Urban of Karnataka State and District Krishnagiri of Tamil Nadu State (49295/2020).

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wild Life) & Chief Wildlife Warden and Member Secretary spoke about the proposal and informed the meeting that, the National Highway Authority requires 11.00 Ha of forest area in Survey No 91 of Thattekere village of Madeshwara State Forest Area for the construction of the elevated corridor in Anekal Wildlife zone of Bannerghatta National park for the development of the Bangalore Ring Road (STRR). If the elevated corridor is constructed there will be a reduction in the traffic density and pollution in Bangalore city. Due to this there will be reduction of the vehicle density in Bannerghatta National park and number of vehicles running on high speed will also be reduced and it will be beneficial for the movement of the wild animals. Therefore, the proposal of construction the elevated corridor in the Bannerghatta National Park is placed before the Board for approval.

Board members Shri Vinod Kumar B Nayak and Dr Sivaprakash spoke on the subject and informed that if the Board approves the construction of the elevated road in the Bannerghatta National Park then there is a possibility of receiving similar proposal future for the Bandipura National park and Nagarahole National park.

Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Forest, Environment and biology Department spoke on the subject and explained to the meeting that the traffic density and pollution level in Bangalore can be reduced to an extent if the proposed project is implemented.

A detailed discussion was held on the subject. Finally Chairman and Hon'ble Chief Minister instructed the officials to consider alternate route for the proposed project and resubmit the proposal with a detailed report in the next meeting.

Subjects discussed after getting approval from the Chairman of the Board.

Agenda:-30;- For the improvement of the road from jaddinagadde to Shamehakllu in sy. No: 1, 8, 170 of Amasebailu village, Amasebailu hobli, Kundapura taluk. Udupi district belongs to Amasebailu wild life range of Kudremukha wildlife division, Karkala (FP/KA/ROAD/6587/2022).

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden and Member Secretary have stated that total 0.252 ha forest area (840m x 3m) in Someshwar Wildlife Sanctuary of Kudremukh Wildlife Division for improvement the road from Jaddinagadde to Shamehaklu in survey no.1, 8 and 170 of Amasebailu village of Kundapur taluk of Udupi district. It does not require cutting of trees for this project and it will have minimal impact on the flora and fauna of the wildlife sanctuary hence, the proposal is submitted for the approval of the board.

Considering the above factors, the proposal for improvement of the road from jaddinagadde to Shamehakllu in sy. No: 1, 8, 170 of Amasebailu village, Amasebailu hobli, Kundapura taluk. Udupi district there is no need for cutting of trees for the said project and as there is little impact on the flora and fauna of the wildlife sanctuary, hence, it was decided to approve the above proposal subject to conditions.

Agenda 31:- De-notification proposal to exclude 602 acres of forest area from 4779 acre 36 Gunte forest area of Gullahatti State Forest area of Harohalli Wildlife Range.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden and Member Secretary have stated that, as per Government Notification No: R 1743-FT 183-15-5 dated: 08.08.1916, an area of 4779 acres 36 Guntas has been notified as Gullahatti Kaval reserve forest area. Out of which 40 acre area was dis-forested in 1929 and remaining 4739 acres 36 gunta of Gullahattikaval reserve forest area of the 3779 acres 36 gunta forest area were notified as Bannerghatta National Park on 27.12.2011. In various orders of the Government, 120 acres in Muninagar Block 1, 130 acres in Block 2, 20 acres in Block 3 and 800 acres in Marigullahatti State Forest Area of Survey No.1, totaling 1070 acres of forest area has been released for Scheduled

Castes. But the area of forest area currently available for de-notification is 960 acres, and out of the said 960 acres, 358 acres 36 gunte area is already under the notification of the Bannerghatta National Park and the area under current experience is only 602 acres, he sought the approval of the board to de-notify the said 602 acres area. Hence, the proposal submits for the approval of the board.

The Board discussed the above points and directed to prepare a detailed report with a map regarding the proposal and submit it to the Hon'ble Chairman and the Chief Minister. Pursuant to the said report, the Hon'ble Chief Minister is empowered to take appropriate decision on the de-notification proposal to exclude 602 acres of forest area out of 4779 acres 36 gunte forest area of Gullahatti State Forest area of Harohalli Wildlife Range.

Agenda -32;- Proposal for de-notification of land to release to the beneficiaries of Lambani and Adi Karnataka tribes residing in 166-28 acres of Yalavanath NA Block in Bilikal Reserved Forest Area, Ramanagara District, Kanakapur Taluk.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden and Member Secretary have stated that, in 1901 an area of 27620 acres 1 gunta was notified as Bilikal State Forest Area. Further, 27432 acres 50 cents of forest area was notified as Bannerghatta National Park on 27.12.2011. In the said forest area, in 1928, the Maharaja of Mysore had allotted 166 acres and 28 gunte area to the beneficiaries of Lambani and Adi Karnataka people in Therubidi village of Ramanagara district, Kanakanahalli (Kanakpura) taluk, Maralwadi Hobli. However, the said area was not de-notified from Bannerghatta National Park. Therefore, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bannerghatta National Park, Bannerghatta has submitted a proposal for de-notification of 166 acres 28 gunte area. hence, the proposal is submitted for the approval of the board.

The Board discussed the above points and directed to prepare a detailed report with a map regarding the proposal and submit it to the Hon'ble Chairman and the Chief Minister. Pursuant to the said report, Hon'ble Chief Minister was empowered to take appropriate decision on the proposal for de-notification of land grant to Lambani and Adi Karnataka beneficiaries in 166-28 acres of Yalavanath NA Block in Bilikal Reserved Forest Area, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District.

Agenda:-33 Submission of Wildlife Clearance for an extent of 0.1836 Ha.(Out of 0.71 ha FC proposal) and 0.40 ha. of forests land for laying of raising Main & for providing drinking water facility & tank filling to mining affected villages in & around Papinayakanahalli & other villages in Sy.No. 1 (PA) of Papinayakanahalli.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden and Member Secretary have stated that, the Karnataka Neervari Nigam Limited has two proposals to provide drinking water facility to Papinayakanahalli and surrounding villages of Hospet taluk, Vijayanagar district,

A) Proposal to install water pipe line on the side of Kamalpur - PK Halli road:- In the said project, an area of 612 meters length is on the side of the road passing through Daroji sloth Bear Sanctuary and 0.1836 ha Forest area is required of Daroji Bear Sanctuary has been earmarked for the said purpose. There is no need to cut any trees for the said project and the User Agency has agreed that the project will have no impact on the wildlife and wildlife habitat and it will provide water facility to the wildlife in the summer season. Therefore, the said proposal was presented for the approval of the board.

Considering the above factors, the board decided to approve the proposal to install a water pipe line on the side of the Kamalpur - PK Halli road passing through Daroji sloth Bear Sanctuary, which is intended to provide drinking water facility to Papinayakanahalli and surrounding villages of Hospet taluk, Vijayanagar district.

b) Proposal for Construction of Lake/bund:- Karnataka Neervari Nigam Limited has proposed to construct a Lake/bund in Revenue Survey No. 1117, of Kamalapur village for filling of small irrigation/Zilla Panchayat tanks in Papinayakanahalli and surrounding villages of Hospet Taluk, Vijayanagara District and storage of drinking water, the area submerge due to backwater of the said tank/bund will spread over 0.40 ha. Of forest land in Survey No 1500 of Daroji Sloth Bear Sanctuary of Kamalpur village. it has been explained that the said project is on the edge of Daroji Bear Sanctuary, will not have much effect on the wildlife and wildlife habitat and the proposal has been submitted for approval of the Board as the said proposal will facilitate the availability of water to wildlife in the sanctuary area, Therefore, the said proposal was submitted for the approval of the board.

Considering the above points, the board has decided to approve the proposal for diversion of 0.40 ha. of forest land of Dharoji Sloth Bear Sanctuary in Sy. No. 1500, Kamalapura for submergence of area Lake/bund in Revenue Survey No. 1117, of Kamalapur village for filling of small irrigation/Zilla Panchayat tanks in Papinayakanahalli and surrounding villages of Hospet Taluk, Vijayanagara District.

Agenda:-34 FC proposal to lay Optic Fibre Cable in IN GUDEKOTE SLOTH BEAR SANCTUARY (RAMDURGA-APPAYIANAHALLI) Stretch in BELLARY FOREST DIVISION in Bellary District (FP/KA/OFC/6689/2022)

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden and Member Secretary have stated that, the Jio Digital Fiber Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore require 0.0256 ha of forest land in Gudekote Sloth Baer Sanctuary for laying optical fiber cable underground from Ramadurga to Appayyanahalli in Bellary division. The project will run along the RoW. of road and there will be no need to cut trees in the forest area. Therefore the said proposal has been submitted for the approval of the board.

Considering the above points, the board approved the proposal to lay underground optical fiber cable from Ramadurga to Appianahalli, the implementation of the said project will not effect the wild life, as the project will run on the RoW of road, subject to the condition of providing free internet service to the local offices of the Forest Department.

Agenda:-35 Widening to 2 lane with paved shoulders from existing single/intermediate lane from Km. 124.00 to 153.00 (Tanikod-S.K Border-Malagat) on National Highway -169 (Old No.13) Shimogga-Managalore section in Chikkamagaluru and Udupi district.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden and Member Secretary have stated that, the Principal Secretary to Government, Public Works Department has written to this office dated: 31.10.2022 stating that National Highway No. 169 (Old No. 13). 124.00 to 153.00 passing through the Kudarmukh National Park, the approval of the Forest Department is required to carry out the work in the said area; hence proposal is place before the State Wildlife Board for approval. According to the documents submitted by the User Agency, the width of the road from 124.00 to 153.00 is currently 8 meters, its need to upgrade it to 16 meter road and

19.84 ha. of forest land is required in the Kudremukh National Park. It is informed that the online proposal is not received.

Dr. N.C Shivaprakash, Member of the board, said that there will not be much vehicular traffic on National Highway No: 169 and since the existing road is made of Concrete, there will not be much problem for the motorists. Therefore, he expressed the opinion in the meeting that it would not be appropriate to upgrade the said road.

The Board considered the above points and directed to prepare a detailed report with a map regarding the proposal and submit it to the Hon'ble Chairman and the Chief Minister. On the basis of the said report, the Chairman of SBWL is authorized to take appropriate decision.

The 16th State Board for Wildlife meeting was concluded with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair and all members.

Sd/-

(Basavaraj Bommai)

Chairman, State Board for Wildlife
And Hon'ble Chief Minister,
Government of Karnataka.

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The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
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