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No: A3/CR-35/ Addahole(FC)/2021-22

Date: 19.04.2023.

Proposal No: FP/KA/ROAD/120467/2021

To,

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Conservation),
Aranya Bhavan,
18th Cross, Malleswaram,
Bangalore – 560 003.

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 2.5315 ha. additional forest land for Four Laning of the Bangalore to Mangalore section of NH-48 (New-75) from Design Chainage Km 255.140 to 270.270 passing through reserve forest stretch of Four Laning of Addahole (Near Gundya) (Existing Chainage Km 263.000) –reg.

- Ref: 1. Letter No : F.No.4 : KRB 1313/2021-BAN/394, Dated:03-03-2023.
(EDS Query) of the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi.
2. Letter No: Apaji:58 FLL 2021,E dated: 13.03.2023 (EDS Query) of the Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.
3. Your office letter No : A5(2):GFL/CR-03/ 2019-20, E-office File No. KFD/HOFF/ A5-2/(GFL)/129/2019-FC/E-88119, Dated: 14.03.2023.
4. Letter No: LAND/CR:69/Road widening/2011-12 (Addl.Land)/6841 Dated: 31.03.2023 of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Mangalore Division, Mangalore.

With reference to the above subject, Vide reference (3) it was directed to submit the clarification/information sought by Government of India vide reference (1). Accordingly the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Mangalore Division, Mangalore has submitted the Compliance report through the cited letter (4) to this office as mentioned below.

S.No.	Comments in Government of India Letter	Reply / Comments of User Agency	DCF Remarks & Comments								
1.	<p>It is informed that the proposal was discussed in the Regional Empowered Committee (REC) meeting held on 01-03-2023 and REC after detailed deliberation recommended that the User Agency in consultation with State Forest Department shall decide on the exact location – wise elevated corridors / underpasses for the elephants with specifications. The area proposed for diversion, if needed, may be modified accordingly.</p> <p>The State Government may also provide the comments sought by IRO based on the site inspection report.</p>	<p>PIU vide letter cited (3) requested DCF Mangalore to communicate the convenient date for joint inspection to decide on the exact location-wise elevated corridors/underpasses for the elephants with specification.</p> <p>In response, DCF Mangalore vide letter cited (2) forwarded the essential details sought/ information by RO MoEF& CC and requested to submit compliance / information for taking further necessary action. Further date for joint inspection was communicated on 25.03.2023.</p> <p>Accordingly, a joint site visit was conducted on 25.03.2023 to decide on the exact location-wise elevated corridors /underpasses for the elephants with specification, wherein the following officers/ representatives were present.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Deputy Conservator of Forest, Mangalore Division. The DGM(T) & Project Director, NHAI PIU Mangalore along with Site Engineer. Key personals (TL, RE, SBE) of Authority Engineer, M/s. Chaitanya Projects Consultancy Pvt. Ltd., in association with M/s. Shree Bhawani Consultancy Services Pvt. Ltd The Project Manager, M/s Shri S. M. Autade Pvt. Ltd., The Assistant Conservator of Forest, Uppinangady Sub Division. Other Concerned officials of State Forest Department. <p>The site location of Elephant Corridor/ Elephant crossing has been jointly verified at site, further after in consultation with forest officials and local public residing in the vicinity, the exact location has been finalized and as per site condition/ technical feasibility it was finalized to construct Elephant Underpasses</p>	<p>As per directions issued in REC meeting dated 01-03-2023, a detailed joint site visit was conducted on 25.03.2023 to decide on the exact location-wise elevated corridors /underpasses for the elephants with specification, in presence of following officers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Deputy Conservator of Forest, Mangalore Division. The DGM(T) & Project Director, NHAI PIU Mangalore along with Site Engineer. Key personals (TL, RE, SBE) of Authority Engineer, M/s. Chaitanya Projects Consultancy Pvt. Ltd., in association with M/s. Shree Bhawani Consultancy Services Pvt. Ltd The Project Manager, M/s Shri S. M. Autade Pvt. Ltd., The Assistant Conservator of Forest, Puttur Sub Division & Range Forest Officer ,Uppinagady Range. Other Concerned officials of State Forest Department. <p>Elephant Corridor/ Elephant crossing has been jointly verified at site, further after in consultation with forest officials and local public residing in the vicinity, the exact location has been finalized and as per site condition/ technical feasibility it was finalized to construct Elephant Underpasses (EUP) by NHAI with following configuration;</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Design Chainage (km)</th><th>Total Width (m)</th><th>Clear Span/ Opening (m)</th><th>Vertical Clearance</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>266+960</td><td>2 x 11.5</td><td>3X25</td><td>7.5 m</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Further user agency submitted proposed General Arrangement of Drawing and Plan & profile of proposed EUP @ Ch 266+960 and same has been verified and found in order and enclosed herewith.</p> <p>User Agency submitted that the area already proposed for diversion i.e. 2.5315</p>	Design Chainage (km)	Total Width (m)	Clear Span/ Opening (m)	Vertical Clearance	266+960	2 x 11.5	3X25	7.5 m
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The proposed General Arrangement of Drawing and Plan & profile of proposed EUP @ Ch 266+960 is enclosed as Appendix A & Appendix B respectively.

It is to confirm that, the area already proposed for diversion i.e. 2.5315 Ha of forest land is enough to accommodate / fit the proposed EUP @ Ch 266+960 and does not required further additional forest land.

Further, the detailed comments on the issues raised in the site inspection report dated 17.05.2022 was already submitted as Annexure-II to PIU letter cited(10).The copy of the same is once again enclosed.

The subject project was awarded and the new contractor is on board and about 51.41 % physical progress has been completed except in 1.12 Km where 2.5315 Ha forest land proposed for diversion. This project is proposed/expected to be completed and opened to public likely by Sep.2023

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Further detailed comments on the issues raised in the site inspection report dated 17.05.2022 submitted by User Agency has been verified and same is enclosed.

Therefore, the compliance report received from the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Mangalore Division, Mangalore in 4 copies is herewith submitted along with connected records with a request to move the matter with the Government for further needful action.

Yours faithfully,

Conservator of Forests,
Mangaluru Circle, Mangaluru.