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To,

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

Sir,

Sub: Re-diversion of 2.469 hectare in Hattikere village F.Sy No. 10A1A1A, Belekeri Hobli, Ankola Taluk, Uttar Kannada District (Karwar Forest Division) for establishing Toll Plaza with amenities (shifting from existing location at CH. 117+900 to CH. 131+200) in Goa- Karnataka Border– Kundapur Section of NH-66 from Project Sea Bird [Primary User Agency] in favour of Project Director, National Highway Authority of India (NHAI), Project Implementation Unit (PIU), Mangaluru [Secondary User Agency]

Proposal No. FP/KA/ROAD/33150/2018 [FORM-A]

- Ref:**
1. This office letter of even number dated 19-03-2020 [Stage-I proposal] and 26-12-2022 [communication of GOI EDS Query]
 2. Government of Karnataka letter No. FEE 41 FLL 2020 (e) dated 05-06-2020 [Stage-I proposal] and 16-12-2022 [communication dated of GOI EDS query]
 3. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Regional Office (Southern Zone), Bengaluru letter F.No. 4-KRB 1249/2020-BAN/780 dated 07-10-2022 [EDS query]
 4. Chief General Manager (Tech), National Highway Authority of India (NHAI), Regional Office, Bengaluru letter No. NHAI/RO-BNG/Forest/25027(B)/5/2022-23/3524 (letter addressed to DCF, Karwar) dated 17-01-2023 [online reply dated 12-02-2023 to GOI EDS Query]
 5. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Karwar Division letter No. B4/GFL/FCA/SR-11/2011-12 dated 17-02-2023 [reply to GOI EDS Query]
 6. Conservator of Forests, Kanara Circle letter No. B2/GFL/CR-324/1983-84 dated 14-03-2023 [online reply dated 15-03-2023 to GOI EDS Query]

With reference to the above proposal seeking Stage-I approval submitted by this office letter dated 19-03-2020 vide Ref (1) and by the Government of Karnataka letter dated 05-06-2020 vide Ref (2), the Government of India vide Ref (3) has raised an EDS Query seeking certain additional information. The same has been communicated by the

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Government of Karnataka vide Ref (2) letter dated 16-12-2022 to this office. Accordingly, this office letter dated 06-11-2020 vide Ref (1) has forwarded the same to the field officers and further to User Agency.

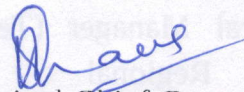
In response, the User Agency vide Ref (4) has submitted the information sought by the Government of India, that has been forwarded to this office through FC web portal by the field officers vide Ref (5) & (6).

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.

Government of India Query	Reply
Detailed action taken report from State Government including names of the officials involved in the said violation.	The User Agency vide Ref (4) (copy enclosed) has submitted that the project 4/6 laning of Goa Karnataka Border - Kundapur Section of NH-66 (formerly NH-17) (Km. 93.700 to Km. 283.300) is being executed/executing under DBFOT by Concessionaire M/s IRB Westcoast Tollway Private Limited, Mumbai. The Independent Engineer for the project was AECOM Asia company Limited in Association with Rodic Consultant Pvt. Ltd., for supervision and monitoring of works to be executed. They are represented by Team Leader and Resident Engineer at Site as Engineer-in-Charge for the works. The names of the representatives of Engineer-in-Charge at that time are as below: 1. Kiran S Swaroop, Team Leader cum Senior Highway Engineer, Rodic Consultant Pvt. Ltd 2. Anil Kumar Singh, Resident Cum Highway Engineer-1, AECOM Asia company Limited 3. Devaraj B C, Resident Cum Highway Engineer-2, AECOM Asia company Limited

It is requested to forward the above information to the Government of India in response to the EDS query dated 07-10-2022 for further needful.

Yours Faithfully



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

Copy to the:

1. Conservator of Forests, Kanara Circle Sirsi for information.
2. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Karwar Division for information.
3. Project Director, National Highway Authority of India (NHAI), Project Implementation Unit (PIU), Door No.3-29, 'Bethel', Tharethota, Near Pump Well, NH-66, Mangaluru for information.



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

Date: 17.01.2023

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

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

- Ref: 1) DCF-Karwar letter no B4/GFL/FCA/SR-11/2011-12 dated 04.01.2023
2) CCF, Canara Circle Sirsi letter no B2/GFL/CR-324/1983-84 dated 27.12.2022.
3) PCCF(FC)/ Nodal Officer letter no. KDF/HOFF/ A52K(GFL) /18 /2019-FC E-72712 dated 21.04.2022 and 26.12.2022.
4) ACS, FE&E dept. letter no APG 41 FLL 2020(E) dated 16.12.2022.
5) MoEF&CC letter no F.No.4-KRB1249/2020-BAN/780 dated 07.10.2022.

Sir,

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

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

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

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

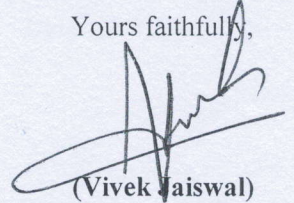
2.3. Therefore, the names of the representatives of Engineer-in-Charge at that time are as below:

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

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

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,



(Vivek Jaiswal)

Chief General Manager (Tech) &
Regional Officer-Bengaluru

Copy to:

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