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Office of  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Forest Force)



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Enclosures: *Ref letters*  
*(4) & (5)*

Date 16-12-2023

To,

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

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 2.4281 hectares (*revised from 2.428 hectare*) of forest land in Kadugodi Plantation Village Sy No 1, Bidarahalli-1 Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District (and Urban Forest Division) for construction of Ground Level Reservoir (GLR) under Cauvery Water Supply Scheme (CWSS) Stage-V, along Eastern Route CP-12, in favour of the Executive Engineer, K-3 Division, Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB), Kapila Bhavan, 11th Main, 35th & 36th Cross, Jayanagara, 'J' Block, Bengaluru-560 041.

**Proposal No. FP/KA/WATER/48609/2020 [Form-A]**

- Ref: 1. This office letter of even number dated 03-10-2023 [*Stage-I proposal*] and 08-11-2023 [*communication of GOI EDS query to Field*]
2. Government of Karnataka letter No. FEE 24 FLL 2023(e) dated 09-10-2023. [*Stage-I proposal*]
3. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Regional Office (Southern Zone), Bengaluru letter No. 4-KRB 1481/2023-BAN/213 dated 01-11-2023 [*EDS Query*]
4. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bengaluru Urban Division, Bengaluru Urban letter No. A7.LND.lease/BWSSB.CR-41/2021-22 dated: 28-11-2023. (Received in this office on 11-12-2023)



5. Chief Conservator of Forests, Bengaluru Circle, Bengaluru letter No. A11/Bhoomi/R-35/2021-22 dated: 02-12-2023(Received in this office on 11-12-2023)

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The above proposal was submitted by this office vide Ref (1) letter dated: 03-10-2023 seeking Stage-I approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 to the Government of Karnataka and by the State Government vide Ref (2) letter dated 09-10-2023 to the Central Government. In response to that, the Government of India vide Ref (3) has raised the EDS Query. The same was communicated by this office vide Ref (1) letter dated: 08-11-2023.

In response, the reply to the query raised by the Government of India the replies are furnished by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bengaluru Urban Division, Bengaluru Urban vide Ref (4) through the Chief Conservator of Forests, Bengaluru Circle Vide Ref (5) to this office. The reply is as follows: -

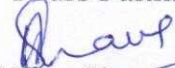
Sl. No.	Government of India query	Reply by the User Agency
1.	As per the alternatives examined, user agency has requested BMRCL to provide the unused land in their possession for construction of proposed GLR. In this regard, it may be noted that the Regional Office, Bengaluru vide its letter dated 18th December, 2019 had accorded approval for diversion of 18.11 ha of forest land in Sy.No.1 of Kadugodi Plantation in favour of BMRCL limited for construction of Bengaluru metro Project, Phase-2. The State Government may explore the possession of BMRCL limited for this project.	DCF, Bengaluru Urban Division, Bengaluru, has reported that, the User Agency i.e BMRCL has utilized entire diverted area i.e., 18.11 ha in Sy.No.1 of Kadugodi Plantation for construction of Bengaluru Metro Project, Phase-2.  Hence, there is no land available for re-diversion ( <b>Copy enclosed</b> ).



2.	It may be clarified.....whether the degraded forest land identified in Sy.No.1 of Hulikunte SF, Bengaluru Rural Division is in addition to the non-forest land identified towards land-to-land purpose or otherwise.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. DCF, Bengaluru Rural Division, Devanahalli, has reported that the User Agency has identified the non-forest land to an extent <b>3.6422 ha (9.00 Acres) in Sy No.57 of Chikkarayappanaalli Village, TubagereHobli, ChikkaballapuraTaluk, Bangalore Rural District</b> for raising Compensatory Afforestation is not suitable for raising CA.</li> <li>2. Hence, an alternative degraded forest land of Gross area 4.04 ha (Net area 2.4281 ha which is equal to the diverted area) is identified in Sy.no.1 of Hulikunte SF village, Sasalu Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bangalore Rural Division for raising Compensatory Afforestation.</li> <li>3. Further, it is also stated that the degraded forest land identified in Sy.no. 1 of Hulikunte SF, Bengaluru Rural Division, Devanahalli is in addition to the non-forest land identified towards land-to-land purpose. <b>(Copy enclosed)</b></li> </ol>
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It is therefore requested to forward the proposal to the Government of India for seeking Stage-I clearance under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Yours Faithfully

  
(Vijay Sharma IFS)

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

Copy to the:

1. Chief Conservator of Forests, Bengaluru Circle, Bengaluru for information.
2. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bengaluru (Urban) Division, Bengaluru for information.
3. the Executive Engineer, K-3 Division, Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB), Kapila Bhavan, 11th Main, 35th & 36th Cross, Jayanagara, 'J'Block, Bengaluru-560 041 for information.