No.M1/QRY/Road/CR-06/2017-18

Office of the Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle, Ballari. Date:21-11-2023.

To,

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Forest Conservation) & Nodal Officer(FCA), Aranya Bhavan, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru.

Sir,

Sub:-Diversion of 0.692 ha of forest land in Sy.No.140 T.Yemmiganur village, Talya Hobli, Holalkere Taluk, Chitradurga district for formation of approach road to connecting existing road to crusher unit in favour of M/s Shivapuram Constructions Stone Crusher, T. Yemmiganur.

Proposal No.FP/KA/ROAD/29278/2017.

- Ref:-1)Your letter No.A5(2)/QRY/Cr-06/2017-18 dated:08-09-2023. (Directions issued to this office for obtaining the site inspection report from the DCF, Chitradurga)
 - 2) This office letter of even No. dated: 30-09-2023. (Directions issued to the DCF, Chitradurga to submit the site inspection report)
 - 3)Letter No.A6/FC/Emmiganuru/29278/CR-45/2017-18 dated: 16-11-2023 of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chitradurga division, Chitradurga.(After inspecting the project site involved in forest land on 16-10-23, submitted the site inspection report)

In light of the directions issued by your goodself in the letter (1) cited above having pointed out on the additional information report submitted by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chitradurga division, Chitradurga, that he has not made site inspection of the project site, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chitradurga was directed to conduct the site inspection of the project site in question where the forest land to the tune of 0.692 ha which was proposed towards formation of approach road connecting existing road to the crusher unit in favour of M/s Shivapuram Constructions Stone Crusher, T. Yemmiganur and to submit the report alongwith the specific remarks for taking further course of action in this instant case.

Accordingly, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chitradurga in his report cited at reference (3) supra, has stated that he has personally inspected the project site on 16-10-2023 and verified the ground realities. Further, he has also reiterated that there is no other alternate has been found for seeking the approach road over an extent of 0.692 ha other than the forest land. It is also reported that the other roads are very narrow and passing through amidst of the villages and temples which are also existing at the fringes of the alternate roads, besides this some of the roads are curved and height and thus it is opined that lot of difficulties /hindrance for the movement of the heavy loaded vehicles. Hence, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chitradurga has affirmed /construed the justification given by the above project proponent

having proposed the aforesaid forest land which is bare minimum alongwith the village map showing the area applied for connectivity road in Sy.No. 140 of T.Yemmiganur village, Holalkere taluk by the above project.

Moreover, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chitradurga has once again explicitly reported that the Revenue Department had already illegally granted 83.27 acres to 40 individuals and 03 acres to the Block Education Officer, Deputy Director of Public Instruction, Holalkere taluk which is totaling to 86.27 acres in the section-4 notified forest land in Sy.No.140 of Yemmiganur village, Holalkere taluk.

Similarly, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chitradurga has explicitly reported that the Range Forest Office, Holalkere has already filed an appeal in the court of the Assitatn Commissioner, Chitradurga against such erroneous grants in the section-4 notified forest land. Besides booking the forest offence case bearing No.02/2012-13 dated:21-04-2012 itself against the Nirmiti Kendra, Chitrdurga and Executive Engineer, Holalkere for having been using the forest land for non-forestry activities in the absence of the prior approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Nevertheless, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chitradurga has been once again instructed to meet the concerned revenue authorities of the department and to get such illegal grants in the forest land cancelled duly appraising the severity of the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for having granted illegal grants, besides submitting the list of responsible officers /officials who are all involved in this issue. This is for your kind information and further needful action in the matter.

Yours faithfully, Sd/-Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle, Ballari

- Copy forwarded to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chitradurga Division, Chitradurga for information and immediate necessary action on the above illegal grants made by the Revenue authorities for non-forestry purpose and submit the detailed report within a week unfailingly. This should be treated as extremely urgent.
- 2) Copy to M/s Shivapuram Constructions Stone Crusher, Saraswati Badavane, Second Main, Chinmai Jnani Nilaya, Chitraudga 577501 for information.

Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle, Ballari. 20(C

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