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To,

Conservator of Forests,
Kanara Circle,
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Sir,

SUB: Re-diversion of 2.469 ha. forest land in Hattikeri Village Sy. No:10/A1A1A Belekeri Hobali, Ankola Taluk Uttar Kannada District, Karwar Division for establishing Toll plaza with amenities (shifting from existing location at CH.117+900 to CH.131+200) in Goa-Karnataka Border and Kundapur Section of NH-66 Project Seabird (Primary User Agency) in favour of Project Director, National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) project Implementation Unit (PIU), Mangalore (Secondary User Agency)-reg.

- REF:1) Govt. of India letter No: F.No. 4 KRB 1249/2020-BAN/780 dated: 07-10-2022, 4 KRB 1249/2020-BAN/267 dated:02-05-2023 and 4 KRB 1249/2020-BAN/117 dated:26-09-2023
- 2) Govt. of Karnataka's letter No:FEE 41 FLL 2020(e) dated:30-09-2023
- 3) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Forest Conservation) & Nodal Officer,(FCA) Bangalore's letter No:KFD/HOFF/A52K(GFL)/18/ 2019-FC, E-72712 dated: 21-04-2022, 26-12-2022, 08-05-2023 and 12-10-2023
- 4) Your letter No: B2/GFL/CR-324/1983-84 dated: 20-05-2023 and B2/GFL/NH-66/CR-14/2019-20 dated:25-10-2023
- 5) Deputy Director General, (PI), Project Seabird, Karwar's letter No: SB/K/NH-66/Toll Plaza dated: 17-05-2023
- 6) This office letter even No. dated:18-01-2023,17-02-2023 and 13-06-2023
- 7) Chief Manager, (Tech) and Regional Officer, National Highway Authority of India, Bengaluru's letter No: NHAI/RO-BNG/Forest/25027(B)/5/ 2022-23/3524 dated:17-01-2023

With reference to above, this office has submitted the name of the official involved in violation of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 and constructed Toll Plaza in Seabird leased forest area as per reported by Project Director, National Highways Authority of India, PIU, Mangalore vide this office letter dated: 17-02-2023 cited at reference (6) through proper channel.


In turn again the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bengaluru is informed that the names of the erring officials of Department/NHAI who have ordered to carry out the work in violation of F (C) Act, 1980 have not been provided and requested to furnish the same for further processing the proposal vide letter dated:26-09-2023 cited at reference (1).

As per the Chief Manager, (Tech) and Regional Officer, National Highway Authority of India, Bengaluru in his letter cited at reference (7) reported that the following officers are totally responsible for violation of F(C) Act, 1980. The same has been informed vide this office letter dated: 17-02-2023 cited at reference (6).

Sl. No.	Name	Position	Company
1	Kiran S. Vishwaroop	Team leader cum Senior Highway Engineer	Rodic 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.

Further, it is submitted that this office has not issued any order to carry out the work for construction of toll plaza in 2.469 ha. diverted forest land in Hattikeri Village Sy. No:10/A1A1A Belekeri Hobali, Ankola Taluk Uttar Kannada District to Seabird Project. The NHAI is totally responsible for construction of toll plaza.

9.136 ha. of forest land which was diverted to Project Seabird was re-diverted to NHAI for four laning of NH-66. The MoU was signed by officials of NHAI and Project Seabird on 10-11-2017. In the present case the toll plaza was constructed in part of forest land which was earlier diverted to Project Seabird. Inadvertently the NHAI concessionere started construction of toll plaza thinking that this was part of 676.00ha. of forest land re-diverted from Seabird to NHAI by Government of India. When ascertained that the excess use of land by NHAI, then immediately NHAI submitted a re-diversion proposal of 2.469 ha. on 27-04-2018 and proposal under process. This is for your kind information and necessary action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Karwar Division, Karwar.