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To,

The Chief Conservator of Forests,
Chikkamagaluru Circle,
Chikkamagaluru.

Sir,

Sub:- Diversion of 9.28 ha. of forest land for construction of Tumkur Branch Canal of Upper Bhadra, Project in Sy. No. 117 and 118 of Udagere Reserve Forest, Kadur Taluk, Chikkamagaluru District in favour of the Executive Engineer, Upper Bhadra Project Division No.1 Kadur - Reg.

Ref:-

1. FC Online application No. FP/KA/Canal/37818/2018, dated: 21.12.2018.
2. The Executive Engineer, VJNL, UBP Division No-4, Hosdurga, Chitradurga District Online application Date:01.07.2019 and 17.03.2019.
3. This Office Letter No: B4/Land/UBP/CR-23/2019-20, Date:07.10.2021.
4. The Executive Engineer, VJNL, UBP Division No-1, Kadur, Chikkamagaluru District Letter No: 562, Date:21.10.2019.
5. The Assistant Conservator of Forests and T.A. to Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chikkamagaluru Division, Chikkamagaluru Office Letter No:1141/2020-21, Date:04.02.2021 and Letter No:1075/2023-24, Date:26.12.2023.

The Executive Engineer, Upper Bhadra Project Division No.4 Hosadurga District has submitted the online proposal on 21-12-2018 seeking approval under Sec-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act-1980 for Diversion of 9.28 ha. of forest land for construction of Tumkur Branch Canal of Upper Bhadra Project in Sy. No. 117 and 118 of Udagere Reserve Forest, Kadur Taluk, Chikkamagaluru District in favour of the Executive Engineer, Upper Bhadra Project Division No.1 Kadur. The Nodal officer and the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation) Benagaluru has scrutinized and forwarded the same in the online portal on dated: 25-07-2019. The user agency has submitted hard copy of the proposal.

In this regard, the undersigned had directed the Assistant Conservator of Forests and T.A. to Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chikkamagaluru Division, Chikkamagaluru and Range Forest Officer, Kadur Range, Kadur to carry out field verification and submit the complete proposal for Diversion of 9.28 ha. of forest land for construction of Tumkur Branch Canal of Upper Bhadra Project in Sy. No. 117 and 118 of Udagere Reserve Forest, Kadur Taluk, Chikkamagaluru District.

Accordingly the proposal was verified by the Range Forest Officer, Kadur Range, Kadur and the Assistant Conservator of Forest and T.A. to Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chikkamagaluru Division Chikkamagaluru with reference to GPS reading along with the staff and submitted the detailed report vide letter cited Ref. (5) to this office.

A perusal of the records submitted and upon personal visit to the proposed site on 30.08.2023, it is observed that the user agency has submitted the proposal for diversion of 9.28 ha. of forest land for construction of Tumkur Branch Canal of Upper Bhadra Project in Sy. No. 117 and 118 of Udagere Reserve Forest, Kadur Taluk, Chikkamagaluru District in favor of the Executive Engineer, Upper Bhadra Project Division No.1 Kadur.

Elucidated here under are the important facts and details about the Lease and the proposal:

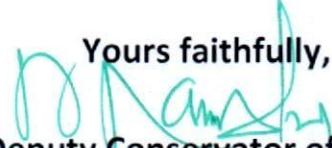
a) **Extent of Lease:** The user agency has requested Forest Clearance for Diversion of 9.28 ha. of forest land for construction of Tumkur Branch Canal of Upper Bhadra Project. However after joint survey and verification of the area, it is concluded that around 9.28 ha. of forest land is involved in the said proposal and an extent of 71.05 ha. of non forest land in the same stretch of the forest is also involved. The area falls under Eco Class-IV with Tropical Torn Forests and Tropical Dry Evergreen Forests. The details of area proposed in forest land is as below;

Sl No.	Description	Location	Status of Forest Land	Extent in Sqmeters	Extent of Forest Land involved in ha.	Total number of forest land patches	Extent of Non-Forest Land involved in ha.
1	Proposed forest land	Sy. No. 117 of Udagere	Reserve Forest	24600.00	2.46	01	35.83
2	for construction of Tumkur Branch Canal of Upper Bhadra Project	Sy. No. 118 of Honnenahalli	Reserve Forest	68200.00	6.82	01	35.22
			Total	92800.00	9.28	02	71.05

- There are 667 trees in the proposed forest land
- Net Present Value:** The User Agency has submitted an under taking agreeing to pay the Net Present Value (NPV) as applicable.
- Compensatory Afforestation (CA):** Consideration of FC proposal for clearance subject to commitment from User Agency in this regard. The User Agency has submitted the Undertaking stating that they would pay the CA charges as applicable and stipulated. An extent of 9.28 ha has been identified and mutated by the Deputy Commissioner Chikkamagaluru District for alternate land. Upon verification it is found that this patch of land is ecological sensitive rich shola type of land and the same has been considered as a alternate land. However as per provisions of Chapter 2 Para 2.8 of compendium of FC Guidelines of Government of India as applicable from 08.03.2019, CA planting has been proposed in degraded forst area Sy No. 72 Yemmedoddi Village in Kadur Range of Chikkamagaluru District.
- Certificate in Form-I under Forest Rights Act-2006 from the concerned Deputy Commissioner. The Executive Engineer had submitted the undertaking that will be submitted after Stage-I approval.
- The proposed forest land at Reserved Forest is not part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve and Elephant Corridor etc, and not within any of the ESZ.

In view of the above facts and circumstances, the proposed diversion of 9.28 ha. of forest land for construction of Tumkur Branch Canal of Upper Bhadra Project in Sy. No. 117 and 118 of Udagere Reserve Forest, Kadur Taluk, Chikkamagaluru District in favour of the Executive Engineer, Upper Bhadra Project Division No.1 Kadur is verified and recommended for approval under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act-1980.

The proposal may be accepted since it is public purpose. The proposal under section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 is submitted for your kind perusal. Required information / documents are submitted for further needful action.


Yours faithfully,
Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Chikmagalur Division, Chikmagalur.



FORMAT-B

CA LAND SUITABILITY CERTIFICATE UNDER FCA - 1980

[Cases where the proposed non-forest CA land cannot support the prescribed planting density of 1000 plants per hectare and it is necessary to plant the balance number of plants in degraded forest land (<40% canopy density) as per working plan prescriptions in accordance with Government of India FC Guidelines F.No-11-423/2011-FC, dated-08-11-2017]

In compliance of the procedure established for diversion of forest land for non-forest purpose through the forest conservation Rules 2003 and guidelines framed under the Forest Conservation Act 1980, the following is certified.

1. The alternate non-forest land parcel is shown in the table 1 below which is proposed against diversion of 9.28 Ha forest land in Chikmagaluru division. Vide proposal number FP/KA/CANAL/37818/2018 for diversion of 9.28 ha of forestland in Chikmagaluru Division.
2. The said alternate non-forest CA land parcel is not suitable for raising compensatory afforestation in accordance with the Government of India FC Guidelines F.No 11-4232011-FC dated 08-11-2017 read with general FC Guidelines, and in case of private Party User Agency, Further as per Government of Karnataka Order No-FEE 82 FLL 2016 dated: 31-08-2016.
3. An extent of 22-38 A-G (9.28 ha) has been identified and mutated by the Deputy Commissioner, Chikkamagaluru District for alternate land. Upon verification it is found that this patch of land is ecological sensitive Biodiversity rich shola type of land which is adjacent to forest area, and the same has been considered as an alternate land. However, as per the provisions of Chapter 2 Para 2.8 of compendium of FC Guidelines of Government of India as applicable from 08-03-2019, CA planting has been proposed in degraded forest area Sy No.72 Yemmedoddi Village in Kaduru Range of Chikmagalur District proposed to be planted in degraded forest land [Table 2] in consonance with the Working Plan prescription.
4. The KML file, Topo Map, Geo-referenced Map & GPS reading of all corners of the proposed land parcel have been uploaded by user Agency in PART-I of the proposal/are enclosed herewith.
5. The KML file, Topo Map, Geo-referenced Map & GPS reading of all corners of degraded forest land parcel are enclosed in PART-II.

TABLE-1 (Non-Forest CA-Land)

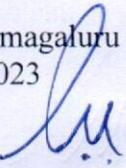
District, Taluk & Hobli	Village	Survey No	Extent in A-G (Ha)	Plants/ha proposed to be planted	Remarks about the adjacency of the proposed land parcel to a notified forest.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Chikmagalur (D) Chikmagalur(T) Jagara Hobli	Inam Dattathreya peeta	289	9.28 Ha	9280 plants 15800	Inam Dattathreya peeta Deemed Forest
Total			9.28 Ha	9280 Plants	

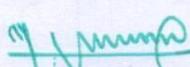
TABLE-2 (Degraded forest land where the balance number of plants are proposed to be planted in consonance with the Working Plan Prescriptions)

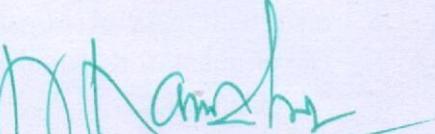
Forest Division	Name of Forest	Forest Block Number	District Taluk & Hobli	Village	Survey number	Extent in A-G (Ha)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Chikamagalur	Yemmedoddi Sec-4 Notified	-	Chikamagalur (D) Chikamagalur (T) Biruru Hobli	Yemmedoddi	72	Gross Area 39- 2 A-G (15.80 Ha)
	Total					

Place: Chikkamagaluru

Date: 19.12.2023


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