

	SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY Office of the Dy. Chief Engineer/North-II (Construction) #18 Millers Road Bangalore - 46	
	No.W.271/TK-DVG/CN/North/BNC	Date: 21.10.2019

To,

Additional. Chief conservator of
Forest & Nodal officer (FCA),
Aranya Bhavan, Govt. of Karnataka.



Sub: Diversion of 14.017 ha. Of forest land in Sy.No.69 of Seebi village, Sy.No.11 & 15 of Chikkaseebi village, Sy.No.36 OF Sebbi Agrahara village, Sira Taluk and Sy.No.9, 27&28 of Thimmarajanahalli village, Tumkuru Taluk and Tumkuru District for laying new Broad Guage line between Tumkuru and Davangere via Sira, Hiriur and Chitradurga in favour of the Deputy Chief Engineer, North -II, Construction, South western Railway - Reg.

Ref:1) Letter No. 4-KRC1209/2019-BAN/931 dt:16.09.2019 of Asst. Inspector General of Froest (central), Minister of Environment, Forests & Climate change, Regional office (Southernzone).

2) Letter No. FEE 08 FLL 2019 dt:30.08.2019 of the additional chief secretary of GoK, Forest, Ecology & Environment Department, Bengaluru.

3) Letter No. KFD.HOFF/A5-2 (GEL)/19/2019-FC dt: 25.06.2019 & 23.07.2019 of PCCF (Head of Forest Force), Aranya Bhavan, Bangalore.

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The Deputy Chief Engineer, North-II, South Western Railway, Bengaluru (USER AGENCY) vide reference (1) has submitted an online proposal (Form -A Part -I) through FC web portal for diversion of 14.017 ha of forest land in Sy No.69 of seebi village, Sy No.11 & 15 of Chikkaseebi village, Sy No.36 of Seebi Agrahara Village, Sira Taluk and Sy No.9, 27 & 28 of Thimmarajanahalli village, Tumkuru Taluk, Tumakuru District for laying new Board Guage line between Tumakuru and Davangere via Sira, Hiriur & Chitradurga in favour of the Deputy Chief Engineer, North-II, Construction, South Western Railway, Bengaluru seeking approval under section 2 of the forest (Conservation)Act, 1980.

With respect to reference (1) above, The Asst, Inspector General of froest (Central) MEFC, has bought the additional information/clarification.

The requested clarification /Information is as under:

SL No.	Observation	Remarks
1	As per the guidelines issued under forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, any proposal for linear projects such as roads, Railway line, transmission line	3. The Tumkuru - Davangere new Railway line project passing through Tumkuru, Chitradurga & Davangere districts. • For the purpose of execution &

	<p>etc., need to be processed in its entirety for comprehensive assessment of requirement of forest land and consequences if approval for any forest land is not granted. As the project falls in two other districts also i.e., Davangere and Chitradurga, it may be clarified whether any diversion of forest land is involved in these districts.</p>	<p>administrative reasons, entire project is divided in to two regions. Region I- Tumkur District, Region II - Chitradurga & Davangere District. First regions is being handed by the Deputy Chief Engineer/North-II/Construction. The online proposal for acquiring forest land in Tumkuru distt (Region -I) is submitted by this office and cannot be clubbed with other districts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Railway has takenup the work in Tumkuru District and target is fixed during 2021-22. • The Civil works & Land acquisition is in advance stage in Tumkur district. The progress of work is heldup for want of stretches passing through forest. • The requirement of forest land in other regions (Chitradurga & Davangere district) cannot added to this proposed as per the below reasons. <p>g) Execution & administrative control (Railway) is different for these districts. h) Assessment of forest land required in other districts is not yet done. The process is yet to be started. i) Civil works & Land acquisition is in progress in Tumkuru district. Delay of handing over of the forest land will cause undue delay in project execution.</p>
2	<p>As per the report of Chief Conservator of Forests, Hassan, the proposed area cuts through important wildlife corridor. Therefore, the mitigation measures as approved by the CWLW may be furnished.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Necessary ecofriendly measures will be under taken to avoid the danger to wild life as per the guidance document on "Eco-Friendly"..... impact of linear infrastructure on wildlife. • Approval may be granted with directions & Pre conditions related to the wild life eco-friendly measures to mitigate impact on wildlife.

In view of the above, it is requested to land process the request to further necessary action please.

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(Devendra Gupta)

Dy.CE/North-II/CN/BNC

