

## Karnataka Forest Department

No: A7/LND/FC/DCline/BGK/CR-5/2014-15

Office of the,  
Chief Conservator of Forests,  
Belagavi Circle, Belagavi,  
Dated: 24-12-2021.

To,

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,  
(Forest Conservation),  
"Aranya Bhavan",  
18<sup>th</sup> Cross, Malleshwaram,  
**Bengaluru-03**

Respected Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 160.4 ha. of forest land in Sy. No. 138 and 146 of Karlakatti village, Sy No. 128, 129 and 130 of Chakrageri village and Sy. No. 3 and 4 of Kagihal village, Savadatti (Saundatti) Taluk, Belagavi District (Ghataprabha Division, Gokak) for construction of Standalone Pumped Storage Component of Saundatti Integrated Renewable Energy project (IREP) in favour of the M/s Greenko Solar Energy Private Limited, Bengalore.

- Ref: 1) Letter No. 8-29/2021-FC Dated: 01-12-2021 at Government of India.  
2) Your letter No. A5(2)/GFL/CR-27/2018-19 Dated: 06/09-12-2021.  
3) The Deputy Conservator of Forests Ghataprabha Division, Gokak letter No. B2/Land/Greenko/FC/20-21/2021-22 Dated: 18-12-2021.

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The Government of India had raised EDS query seeking clarification and information vide reference No. (1) above for Diversion of 160.4 ha. of forest land in Sy. No. 138 and 146 of Karlakatti village, Sy No. 128, 129 and 130 of Chakrageri village and Sy. No. 3 and 4 of Kagihal village, Savadatti (Saundatti) Taluk, Belagavi District for construction of Standalone Pumped Storage Component of Saundatti Integrated Renewable Energy project (IREP). Accordingly the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ghataprabha Division, Gokak vide his letter referred to at (3) above has submitted clarification and information imposed. Details are as under-

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1	The State Govt. is requested to offer the comments on the points raised by the CF in his Site visit report i.e. "there is one old temple by name Sogal Someshwar Temple and one water falls within an aerial distance of 3 KM from the proposed project boundary."	Sogal Someshwar Temple is situated at a distance of 3 km from the proposed project boundry. The said waterfalls has a total catchment area of around 7.5 sq km. Out of this around 0.44 sq km is overlapping with the area proposed for upper reservoir of the project.
2	The DCF in his site inspection report has raised an issue regarding displaced people of Malaprabha Project. It was informed that as per the available records wherein as per the Govt of Karnataka Order No.RD453FGL 69 dated 18.10.1969 about 1020 Acres have been allotted to displaced persons of Malaprabha Project under Kagihal forest under various Survey No's. Out of 1020 acres, about 72 acres have been allotted for displaced persons in forest	The total forest area in Karlikatti Sy No.146 is 445 acres and 7 guntas. In this Sy No, Around 72 acres is granted to displaced persons of Malaprabha Project.However the said land is still not denotified and the ownership continues with the Forest Department. Now in the total requirement for the project of around 120 acres (48.37ha) in sy. no. 146, 15.35 acres of land is under the occupation of displaced persons and the rest with the forest

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	Sy.No.146 (total land in Sy. No.146-445 acres). As per the Forest Diversion proposed of User Agency, about 120 acres (48.37 ha) i.e. part of land falling under Forest Sy.No.146 is required by the user agency for project development. It is pertinent to highlight by the DCF that the land under Forest Sy.No.146 is still under Forest as per the forest records and the same has not been de-notified. In this regard, the State Govt. is requested to offer the comments on the issued raised by the DCF in his Site Inspection Report and the current status of the land (i.e. 48.37 ha of Sy. no. 146) proposed for diversion may be forwarded to this Ministry.	department. This is the current status of land.
3	As per DSS report the Solid structure, agriculture field and plantation near proposed approach road is visible. In this regard the state govt. is requested to Provide its comment on this issue.	Upon field visit, the presence of solid structure(petrol bunk) , banana plantation is found and this is included in the 15.35 acres of land under the occupation of displaced person proposed for diversion for the project. There are agriculture fields both within and outside the above mentioned 15.35 acres ( 72 acres granted for displaced person).
4	The Nodal Officer (FCA) in his Site Inspection has informed that the User Agency has to seek NOC from the State Govt. departments such as Water Resources, Energy, Environment and Other Statutory Authorities. Further, it was also stated by Nodal officer that the diversion of the project may be conditional that is unless all the required approvals are obtain the forest land shall not be handed over to the project authorities. In this regard the User Agency shall submit an undertaking stating that they will obtain all the NOC from the concerned departments.	Reply of the user agency may be considered
5	As per the Site Suitability certificate submitted by the DFO it has been mentioned that the plantation as per this Ministry's guideline is not possible therefore the remaining plants will be planted in the Degraded Forest land (DFL). In this regard the KML file of the identified wrt DFL may be forwarded to this Ministry.	CA land for the project has been identified in Bidar division and hence the issue of CA lands and its suitability certificate may kindly be raised with DCF, Bidar
6	The State Government is requested to appraise Status of Approved Detail Project report (DPR) to this Ministry.	Reply of the user agency may be considered
7	The instant proposal is designated to lift the water from the Renuka Sagar Reservoir. In this regard the NOC from user agency of Renuka Sagar Reservoir has not been submitted by the user Agency. In this regards the state Govt. is requested to submit the same.	Reply of the user agency may be considered

This is submitted for favour of your kind information and further needful action in the matter.

Your's faithfully

Chief Conservator of Forests,  
Belagavi Circle, Belagavi.