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To

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government
Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment
M.S.Building, Bengaluru-560 001

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 1.40 hectare of forest land in Ummachgi Village F.Sy No. 36B/1A & 36B/1B, Manchikeri Hobli, Yellapur Taluk, Uttara Kannada District (Yellapur Forest Division) for establishment of Sub-market Yard in favour of Secretary, Agricultural Produce Marketing Committee (APMC), Yellapur, Uttara Kannada District
Proposal No: FP/KA/Others/30144/2017

Ref: 1. This office letter of even number dated 12-11-2020 *Stage-I proposal*
2. Government of Karnataka letter No. FEE 82 FLL 2020 dated 28-12-2020 *[GoK EDS]*

This office vide Ref (1) has requested the Government of Karnataka to refer the matter to Government of India for seeking 'in-principle' (Stage-I) approval considering the forest area proposed for diversion as per the provisions of para 2.5(1)(g) of FC guidelines and Compensatory Afforestation can be raised and maintained at the cost of User Agency on degraded forest land twice in extent of the forest area proposed for diversion.

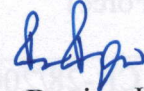
However, the Government of Karnataka vide Ref (2) has directed this office to identify the equal extent of non-forest land in lieu of the forest land proposed to be diverted as the proposal will not attract the provisions of para 2.5(1)(g) of FC guidelines dated 28-03-2019.

However, the proposed area for diversion falls in Uttara Kannada District and also the forest area is 79.04 % of geographical area of Uttara Kannada District as per the India State of Forest Report of 2019 (copy enclosed). Further, the proposal is for establishment of APMC Sub-market yard in 1.40 ha in Yellapur, which will directly

benefit the people of the area which is having forest area exceeding 50% and thus the CA shall be raised and maintained on degraded forest land twice in extent of the forest area as per the provisions of para 2.5(1)(g) of FC guidelines.

Therefore, the Government of Karnataka is requested to consider the proposal as per the provisions of para 2.5(1)(g) of FC guidelines and to move the proposal to Government of India for seeking 'in-principle' (Stage-I) approval under Section 2(ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Yours Faithfully



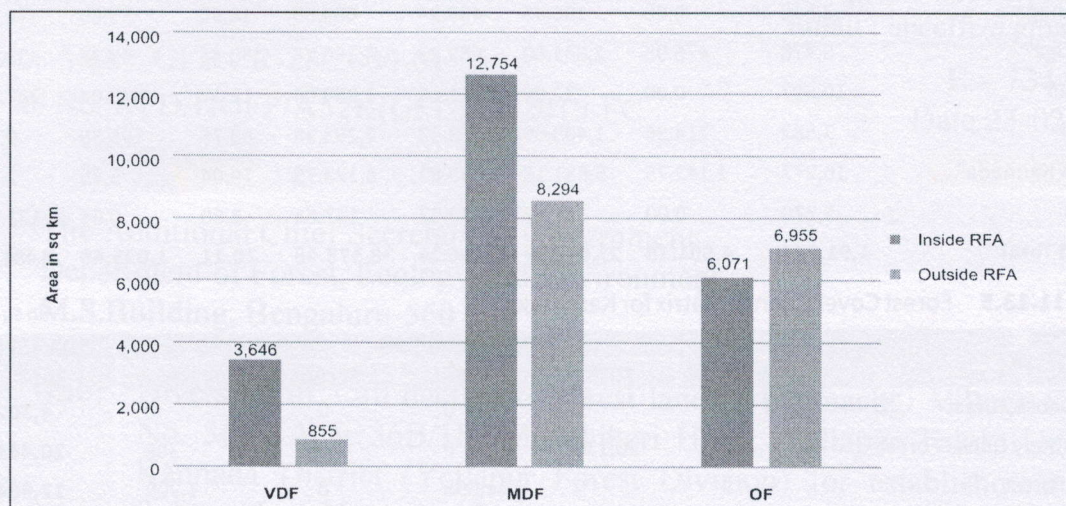
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Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Conservation) And Nodal Officer (FCA)

TABLE 11.13.3 Forest Cover inside and outside Recorded Forest Area or (Green Wash) in Karnataka (in sq km)

Forest Cover inside the Recorded Forest Area (or Green Wash)				Forest Cover outside the Recorded Forest Area (or Green Wash)			
VDF	MDF	OF	Total	VDF	MDF	OF	Total
3,646	12,754	6,071	22,471	855	8,294	6,955	16,104
16.22%	56.76%	27.02%		5.31%	51.50%	43.19%	

*in case of Karnataka RFA boundaries have been used.

FIGURE 11.13.2 Forest Cover inside and outside RFA in Karnataka**TABLE 11.13.4** District-wise Forest Cover in Karnataka

(in sq km)

District	Geographical Area (GA)	2019 Assessment				% of GA	Change wrt 2017 assessment	Scrub
		Very Dense Forest	Mod. Dense Forest	Open Forest	Total			
Bagalkot	6,552	0.00	18.99	233.98	252.97	3.86	-0.03	399.00
Bangalore	2,196	0.00	24.64	262.79	287.43	13.09	53.43	8.00
Bangalore Rural	2,298	0.00	24.04	138.71	162.75	7.08	47.75	23.36
Belgaum ^H	13,433	35.99	736.85	368.76	1,141.60	8.50	7.60	688.00
Bellary	8,461	0.00	109.89	629.33	739.22	8.74	5.22	466.00
Bidar	5,448	0.00	22.00	66.42	88.42	1.62	3.42	37.00
Bijapur	10,498	0.00	0.00	25.05	25.05	0.24	1.05	10.00
Chamrajnagar	5,648	90.97	1,527.31	1,105.91	2,724.19	48.23	4.19	129.00
Chikkaballapura	4,244	0.00	18.56	251.14	269.70	6.35	20.70	181.00
Chikmagalur TH	7,202	901.80	2,581.08	468.90	3,951.78	54.87	15.78	74.00
Chitradurga	8,436	0.00	47.06	529.55	576.61	6.84	22.61	595.00
Dakshina Kannada TH	4,861	557.92	1,473.94	1,032.80	3,064.66	63.05	139.66	3.00
Davanagere	5,924	11.00	167.02	531.55	709.57	11.98	0.57	320.00
Dharwad	4,260	0.00	222.29	152.13	374.42	8.79	-7.58	3.00
Gadag	4,657	0.00	0.00	141.62	141.62	3.04	-1.38	117.00
Gulbarga	10,954	0.00	92.00	103.05	195.05	1.78	3.05	29.00
Hassan	6,814	147.95	774.31	556.18	1,478.44	21.70	34.44	68.00
Haveri	4,823	0.00	145.35	197.90	343.25	7.12	-17.75	103.00
Kodagu TH	4,102	795.90	1,888.21	579.27	3,263.38	79.56	12.38	2.00

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District	Geographical Area (GA)	2019 Assessment				% of GA	Change wrt 2017 assessment	Scrub
		Very Dense Forest	Mod. Dense Forest	Open Forest	Total			
Kolar	3,979	0.00	58.97	322.42	381.39	9.59	61.39	68.00
Koppal	5,570	0.00	0.00	33.32	33.32	0.60	3.32	172.00
Mandya	4,962	0.00	114.21	385.11	499.32	10.06	127.32	96.70
Mysore ^T	6,307	124.96	586.20	341.67	1,052.83	16.69	23.83	29.92
Raichur	8,442	0.00	0.94	43.29	44.23	0.52	0.23	149.00
Ramanagara	3,516	0.00	196.45	468.24	664.69	18.90	53.69	170.09
Shimoga ^H	8,478	476.95	2,841.60	952.23	4,270.78	50.38	-49.22	23.00
Tumkur	10,597	0.00	72.89	1,211.15	1,284.04	12.12	308.04	387.00
Udupi ^T	3,582	214.96	1,405.09	663.33	2,283.38	63.75	145.38	0.00
Uttara Kannada ^H	10,277	1,142.75	5,881.18	1,099.82	8,123.75	79.04	5.75	2.00
Yadgir	5,270	0.00	17.02	130.62	147.64	2.80	0.64	131.00
Grand Total	1,91,791	4,501.15	21,048.09	13,026.24	38,575.48	20.11	1,025.48	4,484.07

TABLE 11.13.5 Forest Cover Change Matrix for Karnataka

(in sq km)

Class	2019 Assessment					Total ISFR 2017
	VDF	MDF	OF	Scrub	NF	
Very Dense Forest	4,501	1	0	0	0	4,502
Moderately Dense Forest	0	20,138	0	0	306	20,444
Open Forest	0	0	11,395	0	1,209	12,604
Scrub	0	0	0	4,484	0	4,484
Non Forest	0	909	1,631	0	1,47,217	1,49,757
Total ISFR 2019	4,501	21,048	13,026	4,484	1,48,732	1,91,791
Net Change	-1	604	422	0	-1,025	

Main reasons for the increase in forest cover in the State are plantation and conservation activities as well as improvement in interpretation.

TABLE 11.13.6 Altitude-wise Forest Cover in Karnataka

(in sq km)

Altitude Zone (m)	Geographical Area	VDF	MDF	OF	Total	Scrub
0-500	41,511	1,441	5,793	2,918	10,152 (26.32%)	284
500-1000	1,46,593	2,602	13,512	9,606	25,720 (66.67%)	4,119
1000-2000	3,687	458	1,743	502	2,703 (7.01%)	81
Total	1,91,791	4,501	21,048	13,026	38,575	4,484

(based on SRTM, Digital Elevation Model, 30 m, 2016)

TABLE 11.13.7 Forest Cover in different slope classes in Karnataka

(in sq km)

Slope (in degrees)	Geographical Area	VDF	MDF	OF	Total	Scrub
0-5	161,569	930	9,600	8,284	18,814 (48.77%)	2,528
5-10	15,763	982	5,399	2,365	8,746 (22.67%)	965
10-15	6,715	894	2,906	1,066	4,866 (12.61%)	466
15-20	3,796	712	1,642	609	2,963 (7.68%)	271
20-25	2,122	477	855	365	1,697 (4.40%)	155
25-30	1,085	277	403	201	881 (2.28%)	72
>30	741	229	243	136	608 (1.58%)	27
Total	1,91,791	4,501	21,048	13,026	38,575	4,484

(based on SRTM, Digital Elevation Model, 30 m, 2016)