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**Office of Chief Conservator of Forests,
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Place: Shimoga

Dated:24.01.2025

To,

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Forest Conservation,
Aranya Bhavan,
Bangalore.

Sir,

Sub :- **Submission of compliance report to the EDS query raised regarding Proposal No: FP/KA/TRANS/42309/2019** related to Re-diversion and change in land use of 7.53 Ha forest land in Shivamogga and Koppa forest Divisions for 220 kV Transmission line work of Upper Bhadra Project, Package-1.

Ref :-

1. Forest Proposal No: FP/KA/TRANS/42309/2019
2. Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central), MoEF, Integrated Regional office, Kendriyasadana, Koramangala, Bengaluru office letter No: F.No.4 KRC1298/2021 BAN 172 dated: 30-06-2021
3. EDS query received on dated: 31-01-2023
4. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shivamogga Territorial Division, Shivamogga office letter no: B4/UTP/viva-142/1996-97 (226) dated 05-09-2023
5. The Government of Karnataka Notification No: APG 130 FAF 2024 dated 24-12-2024 issued by Under Secretary, Ministry of Forest Ecology and Environment.
6. The Executive Engineer, KNNL Upper Tunga Project Division, Shivamogga KNNL/UTP/Div/Smg/PG-2/2024-25/2664 Dated: 06-01-2025
7. The Executive Engineer, VJNL, Upper Bhadra Project Division NO-02, B.R.Project letter No: VJNL/UBP/Division-02/BRP/PB/ 2022-23/1065 dated : 07-01-2025
8. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shivamogga Territorial Division, Shivamogga letter no. B4/Land/FC/GL-14451/2019-20(227) Dated:07.01.2025

With reference to the above subject it is to submit that the compliance report submitted by the user agency in reply to the EDS raised by MoEF, Government of India has been submitted to this office by Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shimoga along with the compliance vide his letter cited under ref(8) said in the compliance report, the DCF, Shimoga has stated as below

1. In the EDS raised by MoEF, GOI, there were three points for which clarification/information was sought. In reply to the said three points of the EDS, the user agency has furnished the clarification/information as follows

Sl No	Clarification / information sought	Compliance
1	Map depicting the alternatives examined along with its details.	At the time of preparation of project proposal, three alternate alignments were examined of which alignment No 2 was found more feasible. Even though alignment-1 is shorter in length, the foundation for transmission line towers are technically not feasible. The alignment No 2 was situated well within the diverted land of Upper Tunga project and does not require fresh forest land for the said work. The map showing the alternate alignments and comparative statement showing the feasibility of alignments are annexed here with as

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		Annexure-A and B respectively.
2	Legible map showing area proposed re-diversion and fresh diversion	The legible map along with the details of Re-diversion and fresh diversion is annexed here with as Annexure-C .
3	Details of compliance report for the conditions stipulated by ministry vide letter dated 14-12-2004 for diversion of 449.55 Ha of forest land to Upper Tunga Project.	The revised compliance of the User Agency of Upper Tunga Project to the conditions stipulated by MoEF, in the letter dated 14.12.2004 is annexed here along with Annexure-D .

2. Further, with respect to the conditions stipulated in the letter dated:14.12.2004 of MoEF, it is to submit that, condition number 03, 04, 09, 10 and 14 of the said letter, required departmental action. Therefore, along with the compliance of the User Agency of the Upper Tunga Project, the details of departmental actions are put together in the joint compliance report. The details of the joint compliance report are as below:

Sl No	Conditions laid in Stage-2 Clearance	Compliance
1	Legal status of Forest land shall remain unchanged.	Legal status of land is not changed.
2	Compensatory afforestation shall be raised and maintained over equivalent non-forest land by the State forest department.	The Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Limited authorities have deposited Rs.2,43,90,000-00 towards the Compensatory Afforestation. The details are as under, D.D No: 028741 to 028755, dated: 23-10-1995 for Rs. 1,48,25,000.00

Sl No	Conditions laid in Stage-2 Clearance	Compliance
		<p>D.D. No: 95664 dated: 07-09-1994 for Rs. 1,75,000.00</p> <p>D.D No: 040412 dated: 11-03-2004 for Rs. 25,20,000.00</p> <p>D.D.No: 482792 dated: 04-05-2004 for Rs. 68,70,000.00</p> <p>With respect to the above conditions, 113.00 Ha of CA plantation in Shivamogga division, 60.00 Ha of CA plantation in Bhadravathi division and 145.00 Ha of CA plantation in Mandya Division are already been raised.</p> <p>For the CA plantation in remaining 131.55 Ha of area, advance work is being carried out in financial year 2024-25 and plantation will be raised in 2025-26 financial year.</p>
3	<p>The non-forest land for compensatory afforestation, shall be notified by the state Government as RF under section-4 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or the State Forest Act within a period of 6 months and Nodal officer (Forest Conservation) shall, report the compliance.</p>	<p>The land has been mutated in favour of Karnataka Forest Department and it has been notified under sec 4 of Karnataka forest act 1963 vide notification no APAJI 40 FAF 2003 dated 6.1.2004.</p>

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4	<p>Along the banks of the reservoir, plantations shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department.</p>	<p>An amount of Rs. 81.30 Lakhs towards raising of plantation along the banks of Reservoir has been deposited to State Forest Department vide D.D No: 130917 dated:04-05-2004.</p> <p>An area of 33.00 ha along the banks of reservoir in Bommanahalli, Kanagalakoppa and Lingapura village has been identified in Mandagadde Range. Advance work operations is being carried out in 2024-25 financial year and plantation will be raised in 2025-26 financial year.</p>
5	<p>The State Government shall deposit all the funds including Net Present Value of diverted forest land with Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA). Till such time the CAMPA intimates the Head of Account for deposition of funds, the funds will be maintained in the form of fixed deposits in a Nationalized bank in the name of concerned Nodal Officer /DFO by the State Government.</p>	<p>An amount of Rs. 37,87,82,000.00 has been deposited towards Net Present Value (NPV) charges vide D.D No: 040337 dated:10-03-2004.</p>

Sl No	Conditions laid in Stage-2 Clearance	Compliance
6	Demarcation of the area will be done on ground at project cost using four feet high RCC pillars. The pillars shall indicate serial numbers, forward and back bearings and distance between adjacent pillars.	The RCC pillars have been erected.
7	Trees shall not be felled upto 2 meter below FRL.	The conditions have been adhered to.
8	Trees shall be felled under the supervision of State Forest Department and only when becomes necessary.	The conditions have been adhered to.
9	Islands of the Mandagadde Bird Sanctuary shall be raised sufficiently to avoid its submergence at the project cost under supervision of Wildlife wing of State Forest Department.	An amount of Rs. 20.00 Lakhs has been deposited towards the development of Mandagadde Bird Sanctuary. Detailed plan will be prepared and work will be executed in the next financial year
10	All the safe gaurds and conditions stipulated by the Indian Board of Wildlife (IBWL) shall be strictly followed.	An amount of Rs.15.00 Crore has been deposited to the Central Empowered Committee, vide DD No: 068306 dated: 11-08-2004.

Sl No	Conditions laid in Stage-2 Clearance	Compliance
11	Reservoir so created shall be declared as Reserved Forest under Indian Forest Act, 1927 and regulated fishing rights shall be allowed.	The reservoir is notified as a protected forest under The Government of Karnataka Notification No: APG 130 FAF 2024 dated 24-12-2024 issued by Under Secretary, Ministry of Forest Ecology and Environment. The copy of the notification is attached as Annexure D .
12	Water will be provided free of cost to the Forest Department for rising Nursery/ Plantations in nearby areas.	Noted and adhered to the condition.
13	No labour camps shall be established on the forest land. Laborers shall be provided fuel wood after procuring it from the State Forest Development Corporation.	Noted and adhered to the condition.
14	The catchment area treatment works shall be executed as per the plan under the supervision of the State Forest Department.	An amount of Rs. 20.12 Crore has been paid to Karnataka CAMPA A/C No: 15073ITTIG3321997619 (IFSC CORP0000633) through RTGS on dated: 06-09-2016. Detailed plan will be prepared and work will be executed in the next financial year
15	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.	Noted and adhered to the condition.

The compliance report submitted by Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shivamogga Division has been verified and found acceptable. Hence, the same is submitted for your kind information to take further needful action.

Yours faithfully,



Chief Conservator of Forests,
Shimoga Circle, Shimoga

Ltr to PCCF FC reg compliance Kangalkoppa