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To,

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

Sir,

**Sub:** Re-diversion and change of land use in 7.53 hectare of forest land in Kanagalakoppa Village Sy No. 20, 55, 56, 58, 59, 60 & 69, Mandagadde Hobli, Thirthalli Taluk, Shivamogga District (*Shivamogga Forest Division*) and K.Kanaburu Village Sy No. 82, 83, 97, 98, 99 and Muttinakoppa Village Sy No. 73, Kasaba Hobli, Narsimharajapura Taluk, Chikkamagaluru District (*Koppa Forest Division*) for laying of 220 KV Transmission Line under Upper Bhadra Project Package-1 from Karnataka Neeravari Nigama Limited [**PRIMARY USER AGENCY**] to Executive Engineer, Visvesvaraya Jala Nigama Limited (VJNL), Upper Bhadra Project Division No.2, Shivamogga [**SECONDARY USER AGENCY**].

**Proposal No. FP/KA/TRANS/42309/2019.**

- Ref:**
1. This office letter of even number dated 30-05-2025 [*EDS reply*] and 04-08-2025 [*communication of GOI EDS Query*].
  2. Government of Karnataka letter No. FEE 42 FLL 2021 (e) dated 05-06-2025 [*EDS reply forwarded to GOI*] and 09-07-2025 [*communication of GOI EDS query*].
  3. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Regional Office (Southern Zone), Bengaluru letter F.No. 4-KRC 1298/2021-BAN/172 dated 25-06-2025 [*EDS query*].
  4. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shivamogga Division letter No. B4/Land/FC/GL-14451/2019-20(227) dated 24-10-2025 [*reply to CCF Shivamogga*].
  5. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Koppa Division letter No. DFT/FCA/220KV/CR-36/2019-20 dated 24-10-2025 [*reply to CCF Chikkamagaluru*].
  6. Chief Conservator of Forests, Shivamogga Circle, letter No. A11/FC/220KV Kangalkoppa/GL-83/2020-21 dated 27-10-2025 [*reply submitted to this office*].

7. Chief Conservator of Forests Chikkamagaluru Circle, letter No, A10/LND/UBP/CR-04/2011-12 dated 03-11-2025 [reply submitted to this office].

With reference to the above proposal additional information submitted by this office vide Ref (1) letter dated 30-05-2025 and by the Government of Karnataka vide Ref (2) letter dated 05-06-2025, the Government of India vide Ref (3) has raised an EDS Query with regarding compliance condition No. 2,4,9,10 & 14. The same has been communicated by the Government of Karnataka vide Ref (2) letter dated 09-07-2025 to this office. Accordingly, this office vide Ref (1) letter dated 04-08-2025 has forwarded the same to the field officers and further to User Agency.

In response, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shivamogga and Koppa divisions vide Ref (4) & (5) has submitted the information sought by the Government of India, that has been verified and forwarded to this office through FC web portal by the field officers vide Ref (6) & (7).

Based on the reply furnished by the field officers and the information available in the proposal, the following reply is submitted to the query raised by Government of India.

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		<b>The CD containing KML file of the plantation is attached as ANNEXURE-I.</b>			
4	Along the banks of the reservoir, plantations shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department.	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.  Further, advance works has been carried out in the year 2024-25 and plantation is raised in the year 2025-26.  <b>The CD containing KML file of the plantation is attached as ANNEXURE-II.</b>			
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 by the user agency to PCCF, Bangalore vide DD No. 95664 Dated: 07.09.1994, DD No. 95665 Dated: 07.09.1994 and DD No. 95666 Dated: 07.09.1994. towards the development of Mandagadde Bird Sanctuary.  With respect to execution of the development of Islands of Mandagadde, in view of technical reasons like lack of continuous flowing water and insufficient dissolved oxygen levels, PCCF (Wildlife), Bangalore, in his technical report Dated:29.03.2004 submitted to Government of Karnataka suggested to drop the proposal of raising the height of the Island and suggested to utilize the amount deposited by the user agency with the Forest Department when exigency arises. Copy of the technical report of the PCCF (Wildlife), Bangalore is attached herewith as <b>ANNEXURE III.</b>  Further, it is to submit that in the last one year, birds in small numbers have started preferring a small island,			

		which is very close to the Tunga dam site and their full-fledged preference yet to be established in the coming years. Therefore, the amount of Rs. 20.00 Lakhs earmarked for the development of the bird nesting site can be utilized only after the new site selection of the birds is established.						
<b>10</b>	All the safeguards and conditions stipulated by the Indian Board of Wildlife (IBWL) shall be strictly followed.	<p>The safe guards and conditions stipulated by IBWL have been complied with and the compliance with respect to the same are as below:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Sl No.</th> <th>Safeguards/ Conditions</th> <th>Compliance</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>The Project authorities will deposit at least 15 crores within a period of one month of the sanctions, for a revolving fund to be set up for the management of Bhadra Sanctuary and shettyhalli Sanctuary. A fool proof mechanism to receive and utilize the money shall be finalized by the State Government in consultation with MoEF</td> <td> <p>The user agency has deposited an amount of Rs. 15 crores to the Central Empowered Committee vide DD No. 068306 Dated: 11.08.2004.</p> <p>The amount which is presently with the CAMPA fund is yet to be released for utilization.</p> <p>Further, the CCF, Shivamogga Circle has submitted the proposal vide letter dated 27-10-2025 to PCCF, CAMPA for the release of requisite funds from CAMPA account.</p> <p>This will be processed in the State high level committee and including the budget for 2025-2026</p> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Sl No.	Safeguards/ Conditions	Compliance	1	The Project authorities will deposit at least 15 crores within a period of one month of the sanctions, for a revolving fund to be set up for the management of Bhadra Sanctuary and shettyhalli Sanctuary. A fool proof mechanism to receive and utilize the money shall be finalized by the State Government in consultation with MoEF	<p>The user agency has deposited an amount of Rs. 15 crores to the Central Empowered Committee vide DD No. 068306 Dated: 11.08.2004.</p> <p>The amount which is presently with the CAMPA fund is yet to be released for utilization.</p> <p>Further, the CCF, Shivamogga Circle has submitted the proposal vide letter dated 27-10-2025 to PCCF, CAMPA for the release of requisite funds from CAMPA account.</p> <p>This will be processed in the State high level committee and including the budget for 2025-2026</p>
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		2	<p>The State Government will add an area of 3 sq.kms (300 ha.) to the Shettyhalli sanctuary, in case it is not possible to add the area to this sanctuary then an equivalent area would be added to Bhadra Sanctuary within 90 days of the sanction.</p>	<p>An extent of 2795.63ha. has been added as buffer area to the Bhadra Tiger Reserve vide Notification No. FEE 42 FWL 2025 Dated: 27.03.2025</p> <p>(Copy attached as <b>ANNEXURE IV</b>).</p>
		3	<p>Compensatory Afforestation as may be stipulated by the forest advisory Committee in an area not less than 550 ha. to be taken up.</p>	<p>As per the stipulation, and condition No. 2 of the stage-2 approval letter dated: 14.12.2004, as already explained above under condition No.2, CA has been raised and maintained over equivalent non-forest area.</p>
		4	<p>Responsibility for initiating the work in non-forest area in violation of the guideline issued under Forest (Conservation) Act. 1980 be fixed.</p>	<p>No such violation as observed by the IBWL has happened in contravention of the Forest (Conservation) Act 1980.</p>
		5	<p>The reservoir will be the part of Shettihalli Sanctuary and no fishing or any other commercial activity will be allowed.</p>	<p>To comply with the condition no. 11 of the Stage-II approval, the reservoir has already been notified as Protected Forest vide Notification No.</p>

				APG 130 FAF 2024 dated 24-12-2024 (ANNEXURE-V) and the same is part of the proposed Eco-sensitive Zone of Shettihally WLS.
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.  Further, a comprehensive catchment area treatment plan with a project cost of Rs. 20.12 Crores has been prepared (ANNEXURE-VI) and submitted for the approval and fund release (ANNEXURE -VII).  Meanwhile, the CCF, Shivamogga Circle has submitted the proposal vide letter dated 27-10-2025 to PCCF, CAMPA for the release of requisite funds from CAMPA account. This will be processed in State high level committee and including the budget for 2025-2026 and recommended for National CAMPA for release of funds to carry out the works.		

**It is requested to forward the above information to the Government of India in response to the EDS query dated 25-06-2025 for further needful.**

Yours Sincerely

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Forest Conservation) and Nodal Officer (VSESA)

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6. Executive Engineer, VJNL, UBP Division-02, B.R. Project, Bhadravathi Taluk, Shivamogga – 577115 for information.