No: B2/GFL/CR-324/1983-84

Office of the Conservator of Forests, Kanara Circle, Sirsi, dated: 25-07-2022.

To,

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Forest Conservation) Aranya Bhavan, Malleshwaram 18th cross, Bangalore-560003

Sir.

SUB: Diversion of 2.469 ha. Forest land in Hattikeri Village Sy No,10/A1A1A Belekeri Hobali, Ankola Taluk Uttar Kannada District, Karwar Division for establishing Toll plaza with amenities (shifting from existing location at CH.117+900 to CH.131+200) in Goa-Karnataka Border and Kundapur Section of NH-66 Project Seabird (Primary User Agency) in favour of Project Director, National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) project Implementation Unit (PIU), Mangalore (Secondary User Agency)-reg.

REF:1) Govt. of India letter No:F.No.F(C)/11.1/17/KAR/525 dated:04-09-2020

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Forest Conservation) & Nodal Officer, (FCA) Bangalore's e-officer file No:KFD/ HOFF/A52K(GFL)/18/ 2019-FC E-72712 dated: 06-11-2020

3) Letter No. B4/GFL/FCA/SR-11/2011-12, dt:21-05-2021 of Deputy Conservator of Forests, Karwar Division, Karwar

With reference to above subject Deputy Conservator of Forests Karwar has Submitted the compliance report towards EDS raised by Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Forest Conservation) under reference (1) The compliance report is submitted for information and further needful action.

State Govt. letter No:FEE 41 FLL 2020(e) dated:18-09-2021 and 04-03-2022, NHAI has not provided the proper justification for carrying out the work without approval under Forest Conservation Act-1980.

The NHAI stated vide letter cited at reference (4) that, the construction of toll plaza was carried out as per the working permission issued by Project Seabird Authority in the forest area which was earlier diverted to project seabird.

During the construction, forest field official informed that, this was 2.469 ha of forest land diverted to Project Seabird, By the time inadvertently the construction was started. The mistake was not intentional and it was taken up as per alignment Due to the non identification of forest land, private land and project per Seabird area the construction work started. The moment it was identified, then the User Agency has applied the re-diversion proposal. Hence, the compliance may be Considered and approval may be given .

Your faithfully,

Conservator of Forests, 46 07 2 Kanara Circle, Sirsi

Copy to:

1. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Karwar Division Karwar for information

2. The Project Director, National Highway Authority of India, Project implementing Unit, Door No:3-29 "Bethal", Tharethota, Near Pumpwell (NH-66), Mangalore -575005 for information.