

Government of Karnataka

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**Office of Chief Conservator of Forests,
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Place: Shimoga
Dated:27.10.2025

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 and 22.04.2025
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

9. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shivamogga
Territorial Division, Shivamogga letter no.
B4/Land/FC/GL-14451/2019-20(227)
Dated:13.05.2025
10. Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central),
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate
Change Bangalore, office letter no. 4-KRC
1298/2021-BAN Dated:25.06.2025.
11. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shivamogga
Territorial Division, Shivamogga letter no.
B4/Land/FC/GL-14451/2019-20(227)
Dated:24.10.2025

With reference to the above subject, it is to submit that the Government of India has stated vide its letter cited under reference (10) that the compliance report submitted with respect to the condition number 2,4,9,10 and 14 of the final stage-II approval letter dated 14-12-2004 issued by the ministry with respect to the diversion of 449.55 Ha of forest land to Upper Tunga Project was not satisfactory and that the complete compliance of the said conditions are to be submitted.

In this regard, in the letter cited under reference (11), The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shimoga, has furnished his report as below with respect to the compliance of conditions stipulated by the ministry vide letter dated: 14-12-2004 with respect to the diversion of 449.55 Ha of forest land to Upper Tunga Project.

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1	Legal status of Forest land shall remain unchanged.	Legal status of the diverted forest land has not changed.
2	Compensatory afforestation shall be raised and maintained over	Complied. The CD containing KML files of the plantations is attached herewith. As per the stipulations, an extent of 449.55 ha.

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	equivalent non-forest land by the State forest department.	of compensatory afforestation was required to be raised and maintained over non-forest land by the State Forest Department. Towards raising and maintenance of the same, Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Limited authority has deposited Rs.2,43,90,000-00 through DD in favour of PCCF, Bangalore. The payments are as below: <table><tr><th>Sl No.</th><th>DD No. and Date</th><th>Amount paid (inRs.)</th></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>No: 028741 to 028755, dated: 23-10-1995</td><td>1,48,25,000</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>No: 95664 dated: 07-09-1994</td><td>1,75,000</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>No: 040412 dated: 11-03-2004</td><td>25,20,000</td></tr><tr><td>4</td><td>No: 482792 dated: 04-05-2004</td><td>68,70,000</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">Total</td><td>2,43,90,000</td></tr></table> The details of CA plantations raised are as below. <table><tr><th>Sl No</th><th>Division</th><th>Extent of CA Plantation raised (in ha)</th><th>KML File</th><th>Remarks</th></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>Shimoga</td><td>113.00</td><td>attached</td><td>-</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>Bhadravathi</td><td>60.00</td><td>attached</td><td>-</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>Mandya</td><td>145.00</td><td>attached</td><td>-</td></tr><tr><td>4</td><td>Shimoga</td><td>131.55</td><td>attached</td><td>Advance work carried</td></tr></table>	Sl No.	DD No. and Date	Amount paid (inRs.)	1	No: 028741 to 028755, dated: 23-10-1995	1,48,25,000	2	No: 95664 dated: 07-09-1994	1,75,000	3	No: 040412 dated: 11-03-2004	25,20,000	4	No: 482792 dated: 04-05-2004	68,70,000	Total		2,43,90,000	Sl No	Division	Extent of CA Plantation raised (in ha)	KML File	Remarks	1	Shimoga	113.00	attached	-	2	Bhadravathi	60.00	attached	-	3	Mandya	145.00	attached	-	4	Shimoga	131.55	attached	Advance work carried
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						out in the year 2024-25 and plantations raised in the year 2025-26
		Total		449.55		
		The CD containing KML files of the plantations is attached herewith.				
3	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.	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.				
4	Along the banks of the reservoir, plantations shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest	Complied. The CD containing KML file of the plantation is attached herewith. Towards raising and maintenance of plantations along the bank of the reservoir, an amount of Rs. 81.30 Lakhs has been paid by the user				

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	Department.	agency to the State Forest Department vide D.D No: 130917 dated:04-05-2004. With respect to raising and maintenance of plantations, advance work has been carried out in the year 2024-25 and plantation is raised in the year 2025-26. The CD containing KML file of the plantation is attached herewith.
5	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.	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.

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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	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

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10	All the safe gaurds and conditions stipulated by the Indian Board of Wildlife (IBWL) shall be strictly followed.	The safe guards and conditions stipulated by IBWL have been complied with and the compliance with respect to the same are as below: <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>SlNo.</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 manangement of Bhadra Sanctuary and shettihally Sanctuary. A fool proof mechanism to</td><td>The user agency has deposited an amount of Rs. 15 crores to the Central Empowered Committee vide DD No. 068306 Dated:</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	SlNo.	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 manangement of Bhadra Sanctuary and shettihally Sanctuary. A fool proof mechanism to	The user agency has deposited an amount of Rs. 15 crores to the Central Empowered Committee vide DD No. 068306 Dated:
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			receive and utilize the money shall be finalized by the State Government in consultation with MoEF 11.08.2004. The amount which is presently with the CAMPA fund is yet to be released for utilization.
		2	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. 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 (Copy attached as Annexure B)
		3	Compensatory Afforestation as may be stipulated by the forest advisory Committee in an area not less than 550 ha. to be taken up. 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

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		4	Responsibility for initiating the work in non-forest area in violation of the guideline issued under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 be fixed.	No such violation as observed by the IBWL has happened in contravention of the Forest (Conservation) Act 1980
		5	The reservoir will be the part of Shettihalli Sanctuary and no fishing or any other commercial activity will be allowed.	To comply with the condition no. 11 of the Stage-II approval, the reservoir has already been notified as Protected Forest vide Notification No.APG 130 FAF 2024 dated 24-12-2024 (Annexure-C) and the same is part of the proposed Eco-sensitive Zone of Shettihally WLS.
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 C .		

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12	Water will be provided free of cost to the Forest Department for rising Nursery/ Plantations in nearby areas.	The condition has been adhered to.
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.	The condition has been adhered to.
14	The catchment area treatment works shall be executed as per the plan under the supervision of the State Forest Department.	The user agency has paid an amount of Rs. 20.12 Crore to 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-D) and submitted for the approval and fund release (Annexure-E). Meanwhile, proposal has been submitted to PCCF, CAMPA for the release of requisite funds from CAMPA account. As soon as the requisite fund is released from CAMPA account, the catchment area treatment plan will be executed.

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15	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.	The condition has been adhered to.

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 and to take further needful action.

Yours faithfully,

C. Hand.

Chief Conservator of Forests,
Shimoga Circle, Shimoga

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