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To

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

Sir,

Subject : Submission of compliance report to the EDS query raised regarding Proposal No: FP/KA/TRANS/42309/2019 related to Re Diversion and change of land use in 7.53 Ha of forest land in Kanagalakoppa Village, Sy No.20,55,56,58,59,60 & 69, Mandagadde Hobli, Thirthalli taluk, Shivamogga district and Forest division and K.Kanaburu village, Sy No: 82,83,97,98,99 & Muttinakoppa village Sy No.73, Kasaba Hobli, Narasimharajapura taluk, Chikkamagaluru district (Koppa Forest division) for laying 220 KV Transmission line under Upper Bhadra Project, Package-1 from Karnataka Neeravarinigam Limited (Primary User agency) to Executive Engineer, VisvesvarayaJala Nigam Limited (VJNL), Upper Bhadra Project Division No-02, B.R.Project (Secondary User Agency)-**Submission of Revised Compliance report-reg**

Reference :

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. Your office letter No.KFD:HoFF:A(5)4:GFL:89/2019 dt:02-09-2021 and 25-11-2021.
4. EDS query received on dated: 04-09-2021.
5. Letter No:VJNL/UBP/Division-02/BRP/PB/2022-23/1037, dated: 08-11-2022 of the User Agency.
6. Letter No:VJNL/UBP/Division-02/BRP/PB/2022-23/1040, dated: 10-11-2022 of the User agency.
7. Letter No.227/2022-23, dt:16-11-2022 of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shimoga Division, Shimoga.
8. Letter No.227/2022-23, dt:07-01-2025 of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shimoga Division, Shimoga.
9. Letter No:VJNL/UBP/Division-02/BRP/PB/2024-25/1065, dated: 07-01-2025 of the User Agency.
10. Letter No.DFT/FCA/220KV/CR-36/2019-20, dated:18-01-2025 of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Koppa Division, Koppa.

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, Koppa Division, Koppa along with the compliance

vide his letter cited under ref (10) in the compliance report, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Koppa Division, Koppa 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

SI No	Clarification / information sought	Compliance
1	Map depicting the alternatives examined along with its details.	The UA has submitted the booklet showing alternate alignments. During the proposal for finalizing alignment, 3 alignments were examined and Alignment No 2 was found more feasible. Eventhough Alignment-1 is shorter in length, the foundation for transmission line towers is not technically 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. Also, the foundation strata for alignment no 2 is acceptable. The map showing the alternate alignment (Annexure-A) and comparative statement showing the feasibility of alignments (Annexure-B) is annexed here with. The clarification provided by UA is technical in nature and may be accepted.
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 (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 Primary user agency has submitted revised compliance to DCF Shivamogga and the same is submitted as below.

The compliance report for the conditions stipulated by MoEF vide letter dated 14-12-2004 is as below

SI 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	<p>Compensatory afforestation shall be raised and maintained over equivalent non-forest land by the State forest department.</p>	<p>Vide reference No. (7) Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shimoga Division, Shimoga has reported that the Karnataka Nerravari Nigam Limited authorities have deposited Rs.2,43,90,000-00 towards the Compensatory Afforestation.</p> <p>The details are as under, D.D No: 028741 to 028755, dated: 23-10-1995 for Rs. 1,48,25,000.00 D.D. No: 95664 dated: 07-09-1994 for Rs. 1,75,000.00 D.D No: 040412 dated: 11-03-2004 for Rs. 25,20,000.00 D.D.No: 482792 dated: 04-05-2004 for Rs. 68,70,000.00</p> <p>With respect to the above conditions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 133.00 ha of CA plantation raised in Shivamogga division. 2. 60.00 ha of CA plantation raised in Bhadravathi division. 3. 145.00 ha of CA plantation raised in Mandya Division. <p>Also reported that the proposal for raising remaining 111.55 ha of CA plantation will be submitted and plantation will be raised in next 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>Vide reference No. (7) Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shimoga Division, Shimoga has reported that the land has been mutated in favour of Karnataka Forest Department and it has been notified as under Sec 4 of Karnataka Forest Act 1963 vide notification No. APAJI 40 FAF 2003 dated 6.1.2004</p>
4	<p>Along the banks of the reservoir, plantations shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department.</p>	<p>Vide reference No. (7) Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shimoga Division, Shimoga has reported that 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>Also reported that with respect to which detailed plan will be prepared and work will be executed in next financial year.</p>

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.	Vide reference No. (7) Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shimoga Division, Shimoga has reported that 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.
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 condition has been adhered to.
8	Trees shall be felled under the supervision of State Forest Department and only when becomes necessary.	The condition has 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.	Vide reference No. (7) Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shimoga Division, Shimoga has reported that an amount of Rs. 20.00 Lakhs has been deposited towards the development of Mandagadde Bird Sanctuary. Also reported that detailed plan will be prepared and work will be executed in next financial year.
10	All the safegaurds and conditions stipulated by the Indian Board of Wildlife (IBWL) shall be strictly followed.	Vide reference No. (7) Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shimoga Division, Shimoga has reported that an amount of Rs.15.00 Crores has been deposited to the Central Empowered Committee, vide DD No: 068306 dated: 11-08-2004. Also reported that detailed plan will be prepared and work will be executed in next financial year.
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/ Palantations in nearby areas.	Condition has been adhered to.
13	No labour camps shall be established on the forest land. Labourers shall be provided fuel wood after procuring it from the State Forest Development Corporation.	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.	Vide reference No. (7) Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shimoga Division, Shimoga has reported that 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. Also reported that with respect to which detailed plan will be prepared and work will be executed in next financial year
15	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.	Condition has been adhered to.

Vide ref (10) the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Koppa Division, Koppa has submitted the compliance report for the observation raised by ref (2) and (4). Hence copy of the letter regarding proposal No.FP/KR/TRANS/42309/2019 along with compliance report received from Deputy Conservator of Forests, Koppa Division, Koppa is enclosed herewith for your kind perusal and necessary action.

Yours sincerely,


Conservator of Forests,
Chikkamagaluru Circle, Chikkamagaluru.

