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 Enclosure: - Ref (4), (5) & (6) Letters with annexure.

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Date: As per e-Signature.

To,

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

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 1.62 hectare of forest land in F Sy No. 68 of Unakal village of Dharwad District (Dharwad Forest Division) for Housing purpose in favour of the President, Hubli Journalist's Cooperative Society, Hubli
Proposal No: FP/KA/Others/40823/2019 [FORM-A]

Ref:

1. This office letter of even number dt: 22-05-2024 [*re-submission of Stage-I proposal*] and 09-07-2025 [*Online EDS communication to CF Dharwad*]
2. Government of Karnataka letter No. FEE 174 FLL 2024 (e) dt: 06-05-2025 [*Stage-I proposal*] & dt: 02-07-2025 [*online Communication of GoI EDS*]
3. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Regional Office (Southern Zone), Bengaluru letter No. 4-KRB1514/2025-BAN/86 dt: 30-05-2025 [*EDS Query*].
4. Offline EDS reply submitted by UA on 22-08-2025.
5. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Dharwad division, Dharwad offline EDS reply submitted on dt: 06-09-2025.
6. Conservator of Forests, Dharwad Circle, Dharwad online EDS reply dt: 29-12-2025.

In pursuance of the Stage-I proposal re-submitted by this office vide Ref (1) letter dated: 22-05-2024 to Government of Karnataka. The Government of Karnataka to Government of India Vide Ref (2) dated: 06-05-2025. After examining the proposal, the Government of India has sought online EDS vide Ref (3). The same was communicated by Government of Karnataka vide Ref (2) online dt: 02-07-2025 to this office and by this office to the field online communication vide Ref (2) dated: 09-07-2025.

In response, the reply to the EDS query raised by the Government of India, offline replies are furnished by the User Agency and the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Dharwad

Division, Dharwad through the Conservator of Forests, Dharwad Circle, Dharwad vide Ref (4) to this office. The reply is as follows: -

Sl No	EDS sought by Government of India.	Reply
1	The Forest land is under continuous possession of user agency even after the expiry of the lease period; Therefore, state government has to provide its specific comments as to why the instant proposal can't be treated as Violation of Van (Sanrakshan Eexam Samvardan) Adhiniyam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The DCF, Dharwad has stated that, in Part- B filled by the then DCF, it was recorded as no violation. ➤ However, upon verification in the field it was indeed found that the Forest land is under continuous possession of user agency even after the expiry of the lease period. ➤ Hence, it may be treated as Violation of Van (Sanrakshan Eexam Samvardan) Adhiniyam. ➤ In this regard, a suitable PCA (Penal Compensatory Afforestation) may be recommended.
2	Instant proposal was received by the regional office in 2007, and sought certain clarification from the state Govt. However, due to non-receipt of the requisite information from state Govt, the said proposal was closed in the year 2009. The state Govt/ User agency has failed to mention the said information in Part A of the proposal at point B-1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ In this regard, UA has admitted that an unintentional error was made while entering the Part A, B-1 of the proposal and now they are requested to consider the proposal.
3	The proposal lacks the site suitability certificate of the CA Land	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The site suitability certificate issued by the DCF Gadag division for 1.62 Ha in Sy No 59/4 of Majjur village, Shirahatti Taluka of Gadag district is enclosed as an Annexure-A.

It is therefore requested to forward the proposal to the Government of India for seeking Stage-I clearance under VSES Act, 1980.

Yours Faithfully

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

Copy to the:

1. Conservator of Forests, Dharwad Circle, Dharwad for information.
2. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Dharwad Division, Dharwad for information.
3. The President, Hubli Journalist's Cooperative Society, Patrakartanagar, Nrpatunga Hills (West), Hubli information.