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(ಅರಣ್ಯಪಡೆ ಮುಖ್ಯಸ್ಥರು) ರವರ ಕಚೇರಿOffice of the  
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To

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

Sir

**Sub:** Diversion of 18.458 ha of forest land in SyNo.6, 7, 8, 205, 210 & 219 of Kallahalli, Sy No.152 of Siddapur, Sy No.13 of Ramtheertha and Sy No. 9, 25, 36 & 42 of Jamkhandi Village, Jamkhandi Taluk, Bagalkot District for construction of new 110 KV D/C line in the existing 110 KV Mahalingapura to Jamkhandi S/C line corridor for a distance of 23.897 km in favour of Executive Engineer (Electrical), Major Works Division, Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL), Bagalkot.

**Proposal No.FP/KA/TRANS/16981/2015 [FORM A]**

- Ref:**
1. This office letter of even number dated 20-11-2020 [submitted detailed CA scheme] and 12-03-2021 [communication of GOI letter to field officers]
  2. Government of Karnataka letter No FEE 13 FLL 2019 dated 24-12-2020 [submitted CA scheme to GOI], 20-02-2021 [communication of GOI letter] and 23-02-2021 [online communication]
  3. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Bengaluru letter F.No.4-KRC1198/2019-BAN/1173 dated 04-02-2021 [seeking information]
  4. Executive Engineer (Ele), Major Works Division, KPTCL, Bagalkote, letter No. 614 /Bagalkote /EE (Ele)/MWD/AEE/AE /21-22/KA-2455-57 dated 08-10-2021 [information submitted to DCF Bagalkot division]
  5. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bagalkot Division letter No B2/GFL/MLP/18.458/CR-111/2013-14/1358 dated 04-11-2021,

*[information submitted to CCF Belagavi Circle]*

6. Chief Conservator of Forests, Belagavi Circle letter No. A7/LND/PCP/TL/BGK/CR-14/2014-15 dated 23-11-2021 *[information submitted to this office]*

Adverting to the above, this office vide ref (1) has submitted the CA site suitability and detailed CA scheme to Government of Karnataka for seeking 'in-principle' (Stage-I approval) under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The Government of Karnataka vide ref (2) dated 24-12-2020 has forwarded the same to Government of India.

However, the Government of India vide ref (3) has informed that the proposal was considered by Regional Empowered Committee (REC) meeting held on 27-01-2021 and during the meeting the representative of the user agency has informed the committee that the existing line was constructed in the year 1987. Further, the Government of India informed that after detailed deliberation of the proposal, REC noted that no prior approval under Forest Conservation Act, 1980 has been obtained by the user agency for construction of the existing line, which constitutes violation of the provision of Forest Conservation Act. Therefore, REC decided to seek a detailed report on violation and the recommendation of state government.

The, Government of Karnataka vide ref (2) dated 20-02-2021 has communicated the Government of India letter and sought information and the same was communicated to Chief Conservator of Forests, Belagavi Circle vide ref (1) dated 12-03-2021 for compliance.

In response, user agency vide ref (4) has submitted information to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bagalkot Division and stated that the transmission line was constructed by the KPTCL from existing 220kv Mahalingapura to 110kv Substation Jamakhandi during 1987 for a distance of 8.932 KMs unknowingly in the forest land as there was no demarcation of forest boundary. During 2015, when KPTCL proposed to convert the said transmission line from SC to DC it was found that forest approval was not obtained during construction of transmission line in the year 1987. Hence, KPTCL officers have submitted the proposal to forest department for obtaining approval.

Accordingly, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bagalkot Division and Chief Conservator of Forests, Belagavi Circle vide ref (5) and (6) respectively have agreed with the report of user agency and submitted the same to this office.

In view of the above circumstances, **it is requested to move the matter with the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,**



**Integrated Regional Office, Bengaluru for seeking the (Stage-I) approval with impose suitable penalty under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as the user agency has violated Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 by using the forest area without prior permission from Government of India.**

Yours faithfully



(Rajiv Ranjan IFS)

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

Copy to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Belagavi Circle, Belagavi for information and necessary action.

Copy to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bagalkot Division, Bagalkot for information and necessary action.

Copy to the Executive Engineer (Electrical), Major Works Division, Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL), 1st Floor, Zonal Complex sector No. 45, Navanagar, Bagalkot-587 193 for information.