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No: B4/Land/FC/CR-05/2020-21

To:

Chief Conservator of Forests, Hassan Division, Hassan.

Sir,

- Sub : Re-direction of 0.94 ha. Forest Land in Seegegudda Kaval Village new Survey No. 74 (Old Survey No. 48) Salagame Hobli, Hassan Taluk, Hassan District (Out of 17.03 ha for Land already leased to M/s. Suzlon Energy Limited) for Improvement to Road from Seege-Veerapura Road to Malemalleshwara Temple road in favour of the Executive Engineer, Public Works, Ports & Inland Water Transport Department, Hassan Division, Hassan.
- **Ref** : 1. E-Office Letter No. KFD/ HoFF/ A5(2)/ GFL/ 16/ 2020-21, dated 09.07.2021 of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation) and Nodal officer(FCA), Bangalore.
 - 2. Letter No. RFO/ Hsn/ Land/ GL-1986/ 2021-22, dated 20.07.2021 of Range Forest Officer, Hassan Range, Hassan.

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With reference to the above subject, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation) and Nodal officer(FCA), Bangalore has instruction vide Ref. (1) has submitted the above mentioned proposal to Government of Karnataka seeking 'in-principle' (Stage-I) approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. I response, the Government of India has raised (EDS query seeking clarification and information on the following points as under :

1. It may be clarified that whether the proposed Kuchca road is in existence prior to enactment Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and used by pilgrims to visit the temple, if so how the said road has been included in proposal for diversion of Wind Power Project in favour of M/s. Suzlon Energy Limited.

In Seegegudda kaval Village Sy. No. 74 inside the Seegegudda Kaval Reserve Forest there is no any Kuchca road existed prior to enactment of Forest Conservation Act, 1980.

Presently there is only one Kuchca road which was formed by Suzlon Energy Limited on the basis of Lease Agreement No. 3/2006-07 and vide Stage-II Approval GOI No.4-KRC-1895/2006-BAN/1566/ dated 17.11.2006 in the approved extent of 17.03 ha area for the purpose of maintenance of wind fans only and also connects the Malemalleshwara Temple.

2. Whether any FOC has been registered against any person/ agency for illegal use of road in forest area.

No FOC has been Registered in the Proposed area for illegal use of Road.

3. Whether any alternate roads are available to the temple.

• There is no alternate roads available

4. Recommendation of CCF, Hassan dated 23.02.2021.

Rentioned above Clarification & information for your Kind perusaland needful.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-Deputy Conservator of Forests, Hassan Division, Hassan.

Copy submitted to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation) and Nodal officer (FCA) Aranya Bhavana, Malleswaram, Bengaluru for kind information and further needful action.

Deputy Conservator of Forests, Hassan Division, Hassan,