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No: A3/CR-27/ Varahi Lift Irrigation Scheme/FC/2019-20

30.05.2025.

Proposal No.FP/KA/IRRIG/41736/2019

To,

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Conservation),
Aranya Bhavan,
18th Cross, Malleswaram,
Bangalore – 560 003.

Sir,


Sub: Diversion of 17.49 Ha. (revised from 16.246 ha.) of forest land in Haladi-76, Avarshe and Heggunde village in Udupi and Brahmavara Taluk of Udupi District for construction of Irrigation Main and Branch Canals under Varahi Lift Irrigation Scheme in Favour of the Executive Engineer, Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Limited, No.2, Varahi Reservoir Project Division, Udupi.

- Ref: 1. Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate change, Integrated Regional Office, Bangalore Letter No: 4.KRC1366/2022-BAN/291 Dated 8/12.05.2023.
2. Your office Letter No. Old File No. A5(2)/GFL/CR-25/2019-20 E-office File No. KFD/HOFF/A5-2(GFL)/176/2019-FC E-137748 Dated: 02.06.2023.
3. Letter No:B1/LND(DMN)/CR-40/FLD/2020-21/E-6419 Dated: 23.05.2025 of the Deputy Conservator of Forest, Kundapura Division, Kundapura.

With reference to the above subject, under reference (1) EDS query was raised seeking clarification from user agency and Field Officers. Accordingly, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Kundapura Division, Kundapura has submitted the information with respect to EDS query after receiving it from the User agency and Field Officers.

Hence, the report received from Deputy Conservator of Forests, Kundapura Division, Kundapura is forwarded for further needful action under Forest Conservation Act 1980.

Yours faithfully,


Conservator of Forests,
Mangaluru Circle, Mangaluru.



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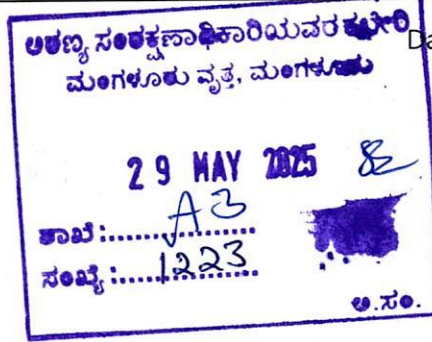
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FC Proposal No FP/KA /IRRIG/41736/2019

To,

Chief Conservator of Forests,
Mangalore circle,
Mangalore.

Sir,



Dated: 23-05-2025

Sub: Diversion of 17.49hectare (Revised from 16.246 hectare) of forest land in Haladi-76, Avarshe and Heggunde village in Udupi and Brahmavara Taluk, Udupi District for construction of Irrigation Main and Branch Canals under Varahi Lift Irrigation Scheme in favour of Executive Engineer, Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Limited, No. 2, Varahi Reservoir Project Division, Udupi.

- Ref: 1)Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Bangalore Letter No.4-KRB 1366/2022/BAN/69 dated: 08/12-09-2022
2)Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation) and Nodal Officer (FCA), Bangalore Letter No. Old File No.A5(2)/GFL/CR-25/2019-20 E-office File No.KFD/HOFF/A5-2(GFL)/176/2019-FC E-137748 dated: 02-06-2023.
3)Conservator of Forests, Mangalore Circle, Mangalore Letter No. A3/Land/CR.27/Varahi lift irrigation Scheme/FC/2019-20 Dt: 15-06-2023.
4) Executive Engineer, KNNL, No.2, Varahi Reservoir Project Division, Siddapura, Udupi Letter No.EE/KNNL/No.2/VLC-Forest/2023-24/639 dtd: 14-08-2023.
5) This Office even letter dated; 08-04-2022, 15-11-2022 & 26-08-2023
6)Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation) and Nodal Officer (FCA), Bangalore Letter No. Old File No.A5(2)/GFL/CR-25/2019-20 E-office File No.KFD/HOFF/A5-2(GFL)/176/2019-FC E-137748 dated: 25-09-2023.
7)Conservator of Forests, Mangalore Circle, Mangalore Letter No. A3/Land/CR.27 /Varahi lift irrigation Scheme/FC/2019-20 Dt: 30-09-2023.
8)This Office even letter dated; 10-10-2023
9)Executive Engineer, KNNL, No.2, Varahi Reservoir Project Division, Siddapura, Udupi Letter No.KNNL:EE/No.2/VRPD/VLC-Forest/2025-26/209 dtd: 12-05-2025.

With reference to above subject, and Proposal No FP/KA /IRRIG/41736/2019. Varahi Lift irrigation scheme consisting of diversion of 17.49ha. of forest land under Forest Conservation Act 1980 for construction of main and branch canals proposed, in favour of Executive Engineer, No.02, Varahi Reservoir Project Division, Karnataka Niravari Nigama Niyamitha, Siddapura, Udupi District, has submitted an additional Compliance report in reference (1) for observations made by Dy.

Inspector General of Forests (Central), MOEF & CC, Integrated Regional office, Bangalore. For seeking Clarification, which is further communicated by Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation) and Nodal Officer (FCA), Bangalore vide letter reference (2) to give compliance to the observations.

The user agency has submitted the compliance to the observations to this office in Ref(4) and now the User Agency has submitted the additional compliance report in Ref (9) with relevant documents to the EDS raised by Central Government. Submitted as below;

Observations	Compliance			
It may be noted that with respect to diversion of 15.4ha is concerned, the identified non forest land has not been declared as RF/PF in compliance to condition No.5 of the FC approval and with respect to diversion of 129.60ha is concerned, condition No.3 and 10 have not been complied with i.e. notification of CA land as RF/PF and implementation of Catchment Area Treatment Plan.	<u>Diversion of 15.4ha Reserve Forest - Varahi irrigation project Phase-I</u>			
	With respect to diversion of 15.4ha of Forest land vide Government of India Stage-II order No.F(C)M 16.1/KAR/34/IP Dt: 03-01-1996, as per condition no.5 of the FC approval, Compensatory afforestation is been raised over equivalent Non-Forest land at the Project cost. The details are as follows:			
	Sl. No.	Sy. No, Village, Taluk, District of CA Land	CA land Extent (in ha)	Compliance submitted by User Agency
	1	Sy.No115/1 Kullanje Village, Kundapura Taluk, Udupi District	10.00	Compensatory Afforestation already done in this land from Forest Department. The said extent of land has been mutated in the name of Forest Department. Section-4 Notification process for this land is in progress. The Sec-4 proposal has been submitted to Conservator of Forests, Mangalore Circle Vide this office letter No. B1/LND/ (DMN)/ CR.102/CA/2014-15 Dt: 12-06-2024. Further, the proposal has been submitted to Chief Conservator of Forests, Working Plan, Shivmogga to initiate Sec-4 Notification Vide Conservator of Forests, Mangalore Circle letter No. A3/CR.64/CA/ (Sec-4)/2017-18(Vol-6) Dt: 14-06-2024. The preparation of documents for Sec-4 is in process. <i>(letter attached)</i>
	2	Sy.No. 14, Jogihalli Village, Gubbi Taluk, Tumkur District	5.40	The user agency submitted that 5.40Ha. of CA land has been identified in Tumkur division, afforestation work has been taken up, mutation and declaring this patch as RF is in process.

Diversion of 129.60ha Reserve Forest - Varahi irrigation project Phase-II

User agency submitted that with respect to diversion of 129.60ha of Forest land vide Government of India Stage-II order No.F.No.8-107/84-FC Dt: 12/15-03-2004, as per condition no.3 of the FC approval, Compensatory afforestation being raised over total of 130.00ha CA land. Out of which 110.0ha of land has been notified under Section-4 of Indian Forest Act, 1927 vide Government order FEE/43/FAF/2001 dtd:11/04/2001 (*Copy attached*).

The user agency submitted that for remaining 20ha of land, the process of Section-4 notification has been initiated and will be ensured to be completed within 3 to 4 months. (*Copy attached*).

Details of lands are as below:

Sl. No.	Sy. No, Village, Taluk, District,	Extent (in ha)	Compliance submitted by User Agency
1	Sy.No. 21, 23 Mallappanahalli Village, Holenarasipura Taluk, Hassan District	75.00	This CA land stipulated to Varahi Project, the Sec-4 Notification completed Vide Government of Karnataka letter No. FEE 43/FAF/2001 Dt: 11-04-2001. (<i>Copy attached</i>)
2	Sy.No. 23, Havinamaranahalli Village, Holenarasipura Taluk, Hassan District	35.00	This CA land stipulated to Varahi Project, the Sec-4 Notification completed Vide Government of Karnataka letter No. FEE 31/FAF/88 Dt: 10-05-1988. (<i>Copy attached</i>). A section-4 notification completed for total extent of 110.00Ha. of CA land.
3	Sy.No. 1, Srimathada kaval village, Holenarasipura Taluk, Hassan District	20.00	The user agency submitted that CA plantation has already been raised by Hassan division. This CA land of Sy.No. 1-20.00Ha.has Identified and Survey process done along with forest and revenue department. The approved map has prepared by survey department, it is noted that, the 20.00Ha. CA land is comes under new Sy.No. 26 & 33. It is noted that, the identified CA land is within the boundary of the Deemed Forest. vide Government of Karnataka letter No. No. FEE 185/FAF/2011 Dt: 05-05-2022. (Srimathada Kaval-Sy.No. 1 - 563.33Ha.). The process of declaring it is PF i.e. sec-4 is under process. (<i>Copy attached</i>).

	<p>The user agency submitted that Pertaining to the condition No.10 of FC approval No.F.No.8-107/84-FC Dt: 12/15-03-2004 is concerned, Catchment Area Treatment Plan has been prepared for Rs. 1406.00lakhs and process has been initiated to get approval to the proposed grant the user agency assured that, user agency submitted that the Catchment Area Treatment Plan will be implemented at the earliest after obtaining the grant approval from State Government.</p>
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The user agency submitted that Varahi Lift Irrigation Scheme is implemented in phase wise manner and have completed the works in Private and Government land. Now awaiting clearance for the Forest land of 17.49ha. to complete the project. The user agency submitted that Catchment Area Treatment Plan has been prepared for Rs.1406.00lakhs and process has been initiated to get approval for the same from the State Government and Out of 145ha. CA land stipulated and identified for the project, now PF/RF notification to an extent of 110.00ha. of CA land is been completed and the process of declaring the remaining CA land is in progress. Under the above circumstances, User agency requested to move the matter for stage-I approval for 17.49Ha. of forest land, now proposed for diversion in application No. FP/KA /IRRIG/41736/2019 to this scheme subject to conditions.

Under the above circumstances and submissions made by the User agency, it is requested to move the proposal with Government of India for according 'in-principle' (Stage-I) approval for diversion of 17.49Ha. of forest land in Haladi-76, Avarshe, Shiruru, Billadi, Heggunde and other villages in Udupi and brahmavara Taluks of Udupi District, for construction of irrigation Main and Branch Canals under Varahi Lift Irrigation Scheme. The hard copy of compliance report in 3 sets, is now been submitted for further necessary action.

Your Faithfully,


Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Kundapura Division, Kundapura.

Copy submitted to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FC) and Nodal Officer (FCA), Bengaluru for information.

Copy to the Executive Engineer, No.02, Varahi Reservoir Project Division, Karnataka Niravari Nigama Niyamitha, Siddapura, Udupi District for information.

Copy to the Assistant Conservator of Forests and TA to DCF, Kundapura for information.

Copy to the Range Forest Officer, Shankaranarayan and Udupi Range for information and necessary action.