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To

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Karnataka,
 Forest, Ecology & Environment Department,
 M.S.Building, Dr.Ambedkar Veedhi,
 Bangalore – 560 001.

Sub:- Diversion of 174.652 ha. of forest land in Devalli, Payaswadi, Atle and 21 other villages in Dharwad, Haliyal, Dandeli Wildlife (Kali Tiger Reserve) and Belagavi Divisions for laying of Goa-Tamnar 400 KV D/C Quad Transmission Line (LILo) Project) in favour of Manager, Goa Tamnar Project Ltd, F1 Mira Corporate Suite, Main Mathura Road, Iswar Nagar, New Delhi (Online Proposal No. FP/KA/TRANS/37754/2018)- Reg

Sir

I am directed to refer to State Government's letter No. FEE/8/FLL/ 2021 (e) dated 09.12.2025 (uploaded online in PARIVESH on 17.12.2025) seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section '2(1)' of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adihiniyam 1980 wrt above subject proposal. After analyzing the proposal the following are observed:-

- i. The State Government has not submitted the recommendation of Project Screening Committee (PSC) as per VSES rules 2023.
- ii. The DCF/CCF Belgaum has not recommended the proposal, as the forest land falls in Western Ghat with rare and endangered species. DCF has also stated that if the permission is accorded there will be more damage to bio-diversity and will bifurcate the entire landscape. In this regard the State Government is requested to submit the comments of CWLW Govt. of Karnataka on the adverse effect of the proposal and also submit the mitigation plan duly approved by the CWLW.
- iii. The area proposed for diversion of forest land falls inside the protected area namely Kali Tiger Reserve. Therefore, the State Govt. is requested to submit the recommendation of SC-NBWL clearance.
- iv. The State Government is requested to offer its comments on whether any court cases/ litigations are pending in any court w.r.t this proposal.
- v. The DFL land identified for plantation is 16 ha in Varav -Nagalavi in Darwad district, but the Site Suitability Certificate is submitted for 10 ha only. The

State Government is requested to submit the revised Site Suitability Certificate.

- vi. As per satellite imagery, it appears that the plantation activities has already been carried out in the CA land (DFL) identified in Belgaum to an extend of 50 ha in Sy. No. 270(57) in Gunjal, Gokak. In this regard the State Government is requested to clarify that plantation activities has already been carried out in the said identified land in any other Scheme earlier.
- vii. As per satellite imagery, agricultural fields are visible in the CA land (DFL) identified in Belgaum to an extend of 100 HA in Sy. No. 13 &136 in Chandur/Tummaraguddi. In this regard the State Government is requested to clarify whether the identified CA land is under encroachment.
- viii. As per the DSS analysis, out of the nine patches of DFL land identified across three districts for the purpose of Compensatory Afforestation (CA), seven patches are found to have thick vegetation density (details as per below table). In this regard, the State Government is requested to re-verify the canopy density of the identified DFL land and ensure that the land proposed for CA has a canopy density of less than 0.4. In case any of the identified DFL land is found to have a canopy density exceeding 0.4, it is requested that alternative DFL land with the prescribed canopy density shall be identified for the purpose of CA.

1	Haliyal Wildlife Devalli section Ramewadi beat	42 Ha	Thick Vegetation
2	Haliyal Wildlife Devalli Section Kunigini Beat	22 ha	Thick Vegetation
3	Darward Varav-Nagalavi Reserve Forest Forest Block VIII	16 ha	Thick Vegetation
4	Haliyal Guledakoppa Reserve Forest Comp. no 18	51 ha	Thick Vegetation
5	Haliyal B K Halli Reserve Forest Comp. no 244	28 ha	Thick Vegetation
6	Haliyal, B K Halli Reserve Forest Comp. no 236	3 ha	Thick Vegetation
7	Haliyal Guledakoppa and Belavatgi Reserve Forest Comp. no 665(95)	48 ha	Thick Vegetation

In view of the above, the State Government is requested to submit the above mentioned information/clarification for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

(Yasodha K)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bengaluru – 560 003.
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Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department,
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3. The Manager, M/s Goa Tamnar Project Ltd, F1 Mira Corporate Suite, Main
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