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## ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

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E-office No.KFD/HOFF/A5-2(GFL)/24/2021-FC

E-493047

Dated 13-02-2023

To,

The Chief Conservator of Forests Belagavi Circle, Belagavi

Sub: Diversion of 0.0965 ha of Forest land in Sy No. 55 of Kundaragi village, Bilagi Taluk, Bagalkot District for establishment of petrol bunk outlet and its approach road in favour of Gopal M, ITI sector No. 05, Navanagar-Bagalkot, Bilagi Taluk, Bagalkote District.

## Proposal No. FP/KA/Others/141414/2021 [FORM A]

- **Ref:** 1. This office letter of even number dated 01-12-2021 [proposal submitted to GOK]
  - 2. Government of Karnataka letter No FEE 95 FLL 2021 dated 09-12-2022 [forwarded proposal to GOI] and 30-01-2023 [communication of GOI EDS query]
  - Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Bengaluru letter No 4-KRB1183/2019-BAN/1177 dated 10-01-2023 [EDS query]

With reference to the above subject, this office vide Ref (1) has submitted the proposal 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) letter dated 09-12-2022 has forwarded the proposal to Government of India.

In response, Government of India vide Ref (3) has informed that DCF in his site inspection report has stated that the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 has not been violated in the instant case. However, as per the satellite imagery, the proposed forest land has already been utilized for non-forestry activities without prior approval under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and therefore, the proposal is required to be processed as per the guidelines vide letter No. FC-11/113/2022-FC dated 08-09-2022.

It is therefore, requested that a detailed report on violation including the names of the erring officials and their present place of posting may kindly be furnished to this office for taking further action on violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 (Copy enclosed).

Accordingly, Government of Karnataka vide ref (3) letter dated 31-01-2023 had communicated the same to this office. Therefore, you are directed to submit clarification/information sought by Government of Karnataka after obtaining the same from the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bagalkot and User Agency. The

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online link is transferred to you for further transfer of the same to the User Agency through Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bagalkot Division.

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

Copy along with copy of Government of India/Karnataka letter communicated for information and necessary action to:

1. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bagalkot Division, Bagalkot.

2. Shri Gopal M, ITI sector No. 05, Navanagar- Bagalkot, Bilagi Taluk, Bagalkot District.