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F.No.4-KRC 1298/2021-BAN

Date **As per the signature**

To

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

**Subject: Re-diversion and change of land use in 7.53 ha. of forest land in Kanagalakoppa village, Sy.No.20, 55, 56, 58, 59, 60 & 69, Mandagadde Hobli, Thirthalli taluk, Shivamogga District and Forest Division and K.Kanaburu village, Sy.No. 82, 83, 97, 98, 99 and Muttinakoppa village, Sy.No. 73, Kasaba Hobli, Narshimharajapura taluk, Chikkamagaluru District (Koppa Forest Division) for laying 220 KV Transmission line under Upper Bhadra Project Package-I (Upper Bhadra Project Lift Irrigation Scheme for lifting of 17.4 TMC of water Tunga River to Bhadra Reservoir and then further lifting of 29.7 TMC of water from Bhadra Reservoir to Chitradurga, Tumakuru, part of Chikkamagaluru and Davanagere Districts to fill 367 tanks and irrigate 2.25 lakh hectare through micro irrigation) from Karnataka Neeravari Nigama Ltd (Primary User Agency) to Executive Engineer, Visvesvaraya Jala Nigama Ltd (VJNL), Upper Bhadra Project Division No.2, Shivamogga (Secondary User Agency). (Online Proposal No. FP/KA/TRANS/42309/2019)-reg.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government's letters of even no. FEE 42 FLL 2021 (e) dt 14.06.2021, 14.03.2025, 05.06.2025 and 03.12.2025 seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section '2(1)' of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 for the above project. In this regard, it is to inform that the proposal was examined by the Regional Empowered Committee constituted under Rule 6 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 in its meeting held on 06/02/2026. REC after detailed deliberations, decided that the user agency and State Forest department shall comply with the following mentioned below within 1 month and submit a report, which will be forwarded to Advisory Committee (AC) for consideration:-

1. Consolidated KML file of all the projects related to Upper Bhadra along with the details of the proposals.
2. KML files clearly demarcating the fresh diversion and re-diversion areas proposed.
3. Complete compliance to condition no 2,3,4 and 10 to be submitted.
4. Proposal for amending the conditions no 9 (Mandagadde Bird Sanctuary) as per the technical report submitted by CWLW, Govt. of Karnataka shall be submitted to MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
5. The CAT Plan has to be complied with.
6. CA Suitability certificate does not mention density of the forest area. The revised CA Suitability certificate shall be submitted.
7. Analysis of KML files of the CA land reveals that the KML files of the Shimoga Division CA plantations i.e. 113 ha and 131.55 ha are overlapping with each other. The revised correct KML files shall be submitted.

It is, therefore, requested to furnish aforementioned information desired by REC, for forwarding the same to AC for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

**(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, 18<sup>th</sup> Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FC) /Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18<sup>th</sup> Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003.
3. The Executive Engineer, Visvesvaray Jala Nigama Niyamitha (VJNL), Upper Bhadra Project Division, No. 2, B.R. Project, Shivamogga -577 115.