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To,  
The Chief Conservator of Forests  
Belagavi Circle, Belagavi

**Sub:** Diversion of 18.458 ha of forest land in SyNo.6, 7, 8, 205, 210 & 219 of Kallahalli, Sy No.152 of Siddapur, Sy No.13 of Ramtheertha and Sy No. 9, 25, 36 & 42 of Jamkhandi Village, Jamkhandi Taluk, Bagalkot District for construction of new 110 KV D/C line in the existing 110 KV Mahalingapura to Jamkhandi S/C line corridor for a distance of 23.897 km in favour of Executive Engineer (Electrical), Major Works Division, Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL), Bagalkot  
**Proposal No. FP/KA/TRANS/16981/2015**

**Ref:** 1. This office letter of even number dated 20-11-2020 [submitted detailed CA scheme]  
2. Government of Karnataka letter No FEE 13 FLL 2019 dated 24-12-2020 [submitted CA scheme to GOI], 20-02-2021 [communication of GOI letter] and 23-02-2021 [online communication]  
3. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Bengaluru letter F.No.4-KRC1198/2019-BAN/1173 dated 04-02-2021 [seeking information]

With reference to the above subject, this office vide Ref (1) submitted the CA Site Suitability and detailed CA Scheme to Government of Karnataka for seeking 'in-principle' (Stage-I approval) under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for above mentioned proposal. Accordingly, Government of Karnataka vide Ref (2) letter dated 24-12-2020 has submitted the same to Government of India.

However, the Government of India vide Ref (3) has informed that the proposal was considered by Regional Empowered Committee (REC) meeting held on 27-01-2021 and during the meeting the representative of the User Agency has informed the committee that the existing line was constructed in the year 1987. Further, the Government of India informed that after detailed deliberation of the proposal, REC




noted that no prior approval under Forest Conservation Act, 1980 has been obtained by the User Agency for construction of the existing line, which constitutes violation of the provision of Forest Conservation Act. Therefore, REC decided to seek a detailed report on violation and the recommendation of state government (copy enclosed).

Now, Government of Karnataka vide Ref (2) letter dated 20-02-2021 has communicated the Government of India letter and sought information.

Therefore, you are directed to submit a detailed report on the information/documents sought by Government of India to this office at the earliest for further processing the proposal. How the User Agency has constructed the existing line during the year 1987 without obtaining prior approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 may please be enquired and the details of the officers/officials concerned for this violation may be reported.

The online link is transferred to you for further transfer of the link to Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bagalkot.



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

Copy to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bagalkot Division, Bagalkot for information and necessary action as stated above. Copy of Government of India letter is enclosed.

Copy to the Executive Engineer (Electrical), Major Works Division, Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL), 1st Floor, Zonal Complex Sector No. 45, Navanagar, Bagalkot - 587 103 for information necessary action as stated above. Copy of Government of India letter is enclosed.