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То

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

Subject: Diversion of 11.00 hectare of forest land in Thattekere Village Sy.91 and 100 (Madeshwara State Forest), Maralawadi Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District (Bannerghatta National Park) for development ofBangalore Ring Road (STRR Phase -II NH-948 A) for a length- of 57.8 km State Karnataka Ramanagara of Ramanagara in Peddamadhagondapalli in Krishnagiri District to Tamil Nadu State (KM 82.200 to KM 140.000). in favour of the Project Director, National Highways Authority of India, Project Implementing Unit, Bengaluru -reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to State Government's letter No. FEE 12 FLL 2022 (e) dated 24/02/2022 on the above cited subject and to inform that since the area proposed for diversion falls inside the Bannerghatta National Park, the proposal for forest clearance can be considered only after the recommendation of Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife as per para 12.4 of the Handbook of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and guidelines. Therefore, it is requested that the recommendation of Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife may be furnished for further consideration of the proposal. Further, the State Government is also requested to clarify the number of trees affected due to the project as the report of PCCF mentions only 470 trees whereas in Part-II of the proposal, it is mentioned as 1288.

It is also informed that the site inspection of the proposed forest area will be carried out by this office shortly and based on the site inspection, further details, if any required will

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be communicated to the State Government.

Yours faithfully.

(M.K.Shambhu)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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- 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, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003.
- The Project Director, National Highways Authority of India, Project Implementing Unit, No. 718, 11th Cross, 20th Main, Padmanabha Nagara, Bengaluru -560 070.

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