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F F.No.4-KRB1310/2021-BAN/ 1604  
Dated the 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2022

To

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

Subject: Diversion of 2.632 ha. of forest land in F.Sy.No.103, Khurse village, Sampakhanda Hobli, Sirsi Taluk, Uttara Kannada District (Sirsi Forest Division) for establishing Stone Quarry for exclusive use of National Highway project in favour of M/s. RNS Infrastructure Ltd, Bengaluru -reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to State Government's letter No. FEE 43 FFM 2020 (e) dated 03/03/2022 on the above cited subject. In this regard, it is informed that clarifications furnished by the State Government with respect to alternatives examined does not contain the details of availability of material (construction stone) in non-forest area for the project. The details of other quarry lease in Uttara Kannada and adjoining district of the State for the stone quarry with their capacity, average annual production, projected future requirement etc. are also not provided. It may also be noted that since the proposed area falls within the default Eco-Sensitive Zone of Sharavathi Valley Lion Tailed Macaque Sanctuary, the prior recommendation of Standing Committee of National Board of Wildlife would be mandatory as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide letter No.6-60/2020WL Part (I) dated 16/07/2020 (copy enclosed). Further, the approved Quarry Plan from the Competent Authority is also mandatory for consideration of the proposal. In view of the above, it is requested to furnish the aforementioned details for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,



(B.N. Anjan Kumar)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Encl. As above

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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 Project Director, M/s. RNS Infrastructure Ltd, Naveen Complex, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, No. 14, M.G Road, Bengaluru -560 001



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F. No. 6-60/2020WL Part (1)  
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Dated: 16 July, 2020

To  
The Chief Secretary  
All States/ UTs

**Subject: Procedure for consideration of developmental projects located within 10 km of National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary by Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life seeking environmental clearance under the provisions of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006 - regarding.**

The Ministry has received letters from States/UTs seeking clarifications regarding applicability of consideration by Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life for developmental projects/activities which do not require environmental clearance and are located outside the National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries.

2. This Ministry vide O.M. F. No. 22-43/ 2018-IA. III dated 08.08.2019 lays out detailed procedure to be adopted for consideration of developmental projects located within 10 km of National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary seeking environmental clearance under the provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006.

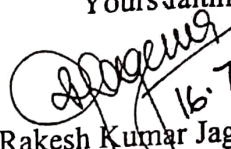
3. After careful consideration of the matter, it is clarified that prior clearance from the Standing Committee of the National Board of Wild Life will be required outside Protected Area in the following cases:

- i. Proposals involving project/ activity located within the notified ESZ (not being draft notification) and listed in the Schedule of the EIA Notification 2006 and requiring environment clearance, prior clearance from Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life will be required.
- ii. Proposals involving activity/project located within 10 km of National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary wherein ESZ has not been finally notified and listed in the Schedule of the EIA Notification 2006 and requiring environment clearance, prior clearance from Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life will be required.
- iii. Proposals involving activity/project, falling outside the protected areas linking one protected area or tiger reserve with another protected area or tiger reserve, prior clearance from the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild

Life as per the section 38 O(1)(g) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 will be required.

4. Para 4(ii) and para 4(iv) of the OM dated 08.08.2019 supra shall however continue to apply.
5. State Governments are requested not to insist upon wildlife clearance for such developmental projects outside Protected Areas that are not covered under para 3 above.
6. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Rakesh Kumar Jagenia)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Wildlife)

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**Copy to**

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- (2) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF (All States/ UTs)/ Chief Wild Life Wardens (All States/UTs)
- (3) Dy. Director General (Central), Regional Office, MoEFCC (All)
- (4) Sr. PPS to Secretary MoEFCC/Sr. PPS to DGF&SS/Sr.PPS to ADG (FC)/ Sr PPS to ADG(WL)/ Sr. PPS to MS (NTCA) / Sr PPS to AS (RA)/ Sr. PPS to IGF (FC)/ Sr. PPS to IGF(WL)/Sr. PPS to IGF (FC)/ Sr. PPS to Adv (SCG)/ Sr. PPS to DIG (WL)/ Guard File