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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 of 2.469 ha. of forest land in Hattikere village, F.Sy.No.10A1A1A, Belekeri Hobli, Ankola Taluk, Uttara Kannada District, Karwar Forest Division for establishing Toll Plaza with amenities (shifting from existing location at CH.117+900 to CH.131+200) in Goa-Karnataka Border, Kundapura Section of NH-66 from Project Sea Bird (Primary User Agency) in favour of Project Director, National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), Project Implementation Unit (PIU), Mangalore (Secondary User Agency) -reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to State Government's letter No. FEE 41 FLL 2020 (e) dated 18.09.2021 and 04/03/2022 on the above subject. In this regard, it is informed that NHAI has not provided the proper justification for carrying out the work without approval under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. As per the working permission issued by the Ministry of Defence vide its letter dated 28.10.2014 and MoU signed between and Project Sea Bird and NHAI on 10.11.2017, NHAI has to take up the case with Forest Department for transfer of forest land. However, the work has been undertaken without prior approval under F(C)Act, 1980.

In view of the above, it may be clarified that under what circumstances the said work has been carried out without approval under F(C)A, 1980. The action taken by the State Forest Department against the NHAI officials for illegal construction of toll plaza in forest land may also be furnished for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

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Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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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, National Highway Authority of India, (NHAI), Project Implementation Unit (PIU), Door No.3-29, Bethel, Tharethoat, Near Pump Well, NH-66, Mangaluru



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