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To

The Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of Karnataka,
Forest Ecology and Environment Department,
M.S. Building, Bangalore

Subject: Diversion of 1.84 ha. of forest land in Sy.No. 25, Chikkakasanakandi village and submerged villages of Hole Mudlapur & Lingapur villages, Hitanala Hobli, Koppala Taluk and District for laying of Pipeline, Transmission Line, Substation and Break Pressure Tank in favour of M/s. Aaress Iron and Steel Ltd, Hosapete-reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to State Government letter No.FEE16FLL2019(e) dated 02/03/2022 on the subject mentioned above. In this regard, it is informed that the aforementioned proposal was considered in 59th Regional Empowered Committee (REC) Meeting held on 22nd March, 2022. The Committee after detailed deliberation noted the following;

- i. Alternatives examined are not provided.
- ii. Feasibility of laying of pipeline on elevated structure may be explored so as to minimize the felling of trees.
- iii. Location of break pressure tank is proposed in deep inside the forest area. Possibility of relocating the same at the initial point as done previously by other User Agencies, may be examined. If at all it is not possible to locate at the initial point then the same may be proposed in non-forest area /periphery of the forest area.
- iv. Whether the validity of the consent given by the Water Resources Department vide order dated 09/11/2015 for drawl of water from Tungabhadra reservoir has been renewed as per the condition no. 24 of the said order. If so copy of the renewal document may be furnished.
- v. CA scheme is given only for 4 years and the same has to be revised for 10

years as per the FC guidelines.

- vi. FRA compliance certificate furnished along with the proposal is not in proper format as per the FC guidelines.
- vii. Discrepancies in the uploaded KML file of the proposed area to be resolved.

In view of the above, REC decided to seek information on the above points from State Government for further consideration of the proposal. It is, therefore, requested that the information as sought by the REC may be furnished to this office for further necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

(B.N. Anjan Kumar)

Asst. Inspector General of Forests (C)

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