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F.No. 4-KRC1400/2022-BAN

Dated the April, 2025

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 25.763 ha (revised from 18.844 ha.) of forest land in Hosanagara Taluk, Shimoga District (Sagar Forest Division) for construction of 2 lane with paved shoulder road from KM 55.6-Adagodi to KM 90.7-Mavinakoppa of NH 766C with 4 major bridges across Sharavathi Backwaters in favour of Executive Engineer, NH Division, Public Works Department, Shimoga-Reg

Sir

I am directed to refer to State Government letter No.FEE130FLL2022(e) dated 14.11.2022 and 11.02.2025 on the subject mentioned above seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section '2(1)' of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for the above project. The proposal was examined by the Regional Empowered Committee constituted under Rule 6 of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 in its meeting held on 27.03.2025.

REC after detailed deliberation agreed to accord in-principle approval subject to receipt of the following information from the State Government:-

- As the area proposed forms a part of the Western Ghats, which are highly prone to landslides on disturbance, an appropriate slope stabilisation plan which includes both engineering and biological measures is to be prepared in consultation with the local Forest authorities. The necessary budgetary provisions for the same should be included as a part of the proposal by the User Agency.
- Appropriate muck disposal plan needs to be incorporated in the proposal.
- Revised CA scheme incorporating appropriate fencing methods for protecting the identified non forest land to an extent of 53.00 ha in Sy. no. 32, Kannuru village, Sagar Taluk, Shimogga District, to be included in the proposal.

- iv. As per directions of the Ministry letter dated 01/09/2023, action taken report of the representation received from Shri. V. Ganapathi and others may be submitted, to this office at the earliest, for further onward submission to the Ministry.
- v. Since the Revenue records has been changed from 'Forest' to 'Non-forest' by the Revenue Department, necessary action may be initiated against the concerned authorities as per relevant rules and Acts, under intimation to this office.
- vi. Necessary provisions shall be made available in the Wildlife Mitigation Plan for the unrestricted movement of arboreal animals in the forest. The necessary budgetary provisions for the same should be included as a part of the proposal by the User Agency.

In view of above, the State Government is requested to submit the above informations/ documents for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

(Praneetha Paul)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (VSESA) /Nodal Officer (VSESA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003.
3. The Executive Engineer, NH Division, APMC Yad, Shivamogga-577204 .
4. Guard file.