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## **GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA**

ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿ (ಅರಣ್ಯ ಪಡೆ ಮುಖ್ಯಸ್ಥರು) ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ Office of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force)



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To

The Executive Engineer Karnataka Urban Water Supply and Drainage Board M.G. Road, Hassan.

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 0.9894 ha of forest land in Sy No. 126, 129, 142, 143, 145 & 2 of Kattaya village, Hassan Taluk & District for providing water supply to Hassan city in favour of Executive Engineer, Karnataka Urban Water Supply and Drainage Board (KUWSDB) Division, M.G. Road, Hassanreg.

## Proposal No. FP/KA/WATER/31233/2018

- **Ref:** 1. This office letter of even number dated 29-11-2018 [proposal seeking Stage-I approval].
  - 2. Government of Karnataka letter No. FEE 96 FLL 2018 dated 28-01-2019 [proposal seeking Stage-I approval] and 22-03-2019 [communication of EDS Query].
  - Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Regional Office (Southern Zone), Bengaluru letter F.No.4-KRB1180/2019-BAN/1694 dated 07-03-2019 [EDS Query dated 08-03-2019].

With regard to the proposal submitted by this office vide Ref (1) and by Government of Karnataka vide Ref (2) letter dated 28-01-2019 seeking Stage-I approval under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act,1980 for diversion of 0.9894 ha of forest land in Sy No. 126, 129, 142, 143, 145 & 2 of Kattaya village, Hassan Taluk & District, the Government of India vide Ref (3) has raised an EDS query on 08-03-2019 seeking to furnish an 'Undertaking' from the User Agency as per the Government of India guidelines issued vide letter No. 11-63/2012-FC dated 07-01-2013 along with alternative alignments examined by the User Agency. It is also pointed out that the User Agency has already started work on non-forest land.

Copy of the said letter was also marked to your office. Further, the Government of Karnataka vide Ref (2) letter dated 22-03-2019 has forwarded the same to this office for further action.

Enclosing a copy of Government of India letter, you are requested to furnish the following documents.

- 1. An 'Undertaking' to agree to the condition that, in case the approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of forest land is declined, it is technically feasible to execute the project along an alternate alignment without involving diversion of forest land.
- 2. Details of structures and the alternative alignments to bypass the forest land may be provided.
- 3. Map on appropriate scale signed by User Agency showing the presently proposed alignment through forest land and alternative alignments to bypass the forest land.

Above documents should be submitted through the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Hassan Division immediately for further processing of the proposal. The same documents should also be uploaded online as reply to the EDS query dated 08-03-2019 of Government of India.

Your Faithfully

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation) and Nodal Officer (FCA)

1. Copy submitted to the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Forest, Environment and Ecology Department, M.S. Building, Bengaluru - 560 001 for information.

2. Copy along with a copy of Government of India letter communicated to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Hassan Circle, Hassan for information and necessary action to transfer the online link further to obtain the reply to EDS query from User Agency.

3. Copy along with a copy of Government of India letter communicated to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Hassan Division, Hassan for information and necessary action to transfer the online link further to obtain the reply to EDS query from User Agency.

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