

Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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New Delhi: 1100 03,
Dated: 8th April, 2022

To,
The Additional Chief Secretary (Forests),
Department of Forests & Environment,
Government of Karnataka,
Bangalore.

Sub:-Proposal for diversion of 160.4 ha. of forest land in Sy. No.138 and 146 of Karlakatti Village, Sy. No.128,129 and 130 of Chakrageri Village and Sy. No.3 and 4 of Kagihal Village, Savadatti (Saundatti) Taluk, Belagavi District (Ghataprabha Division Gokak) for construction of Standalone Pumped Storage Component of Saundatti Integrated Renewable Energy Project (IREP) in favour of the M/s. Greenko Solar Energy Private Limited, Bangaluru, Karnataka State (Online Proposal No.FP/KA/HYD/37723/2018)-Reg

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Karnataka's letter No. FEE 57 FLL 2021 (e) dated 17.11.2021 and 10.03.2022 on the above-mentioned subject seeking prior approval of Central Government in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. In this regard, it is informed that the matter was discussed in the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in its meeting held on 31.03.2022. The detailed minutes of the said FAC meeting is uploaded in the parivesh.nic.in. After through deliberation, the FAC deferred the proposal and desired following information to be furnished:-

- i. User Agency to submit NOC from Renuka Sagar Dam Authority and other related departments.
- ii. State Government to submit regarding the reclamation measures to be taken with respect to an area of 0.44 sq kms of catchment of waterfall overlapping with the area proposed for upper reservoir of the project.
- iii. State Government to get a study done for reservoir about the impact on Aquatic faunal species of the reservoir due to the project.
- iv. IRO, Bangalore to visit all sites selected for CA and give clear-cut recommendations about the suitability of the area for plantation.

In view of above, it is requested that the State Government may kindly submit the information/ documents as stated above to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,


(Rinku Kumari)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to: -

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru.
2. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bengaluru- with a request to visit all sites selected for CA and give clear-cut recommendations about the suitability of the area for plantation
3. The Nodal Office (FCA) Forest Department, Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi, for uploading.