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Office of the  
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**EDS QUERY  
URGENT**

To,

The Deputy Chief Engineer  
North-II (Construction), Southern-Western Railway  
No.18, Millars Road, Bengaluru Cantonment  
Bengaluru – 560 046

Sir,

**Sub:** Diversion of 14.017 ha of forest land in Sy No.69 of Seebi village, Sy No.11 & 15 of Chikkaseebi village, Sy No.36 of Seebi Agrahara Village all in Sira Taluk and Sy.No.9, 27& 28 of Thimmarajanahalli village, Tumakuru Taluk and Tumakuru District for laying new Broad Gauge Line between Tumakuru and Davnagere via Sira, Hiriyr and Chitradurga in favour of the Deputy Chief Engineer, North II (Construction), South-Western Railway, Bengaluru

**Proposal No. FP/KA/RAIL/22897/2016**

- Ref:**
1. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Regional office (Southern Zone), Bengaluru letter No .4-KRC1209/2019-BAN/931 dated 13-04-2020 [EDS query seeking Undertaking and approved Wildlife Mitigation Plan]
  2. Government of Karnataka letter No. FEE 08 FLL 2019 dated 12-05-2020 [communication of EDS query of Government of India]

The Government of India vide Ref (1) [copy marked to User Agency too] has sought certain information in connection with processing of the above proposal under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. A copy of the same is once again enclosed for reference. The same has been forwarded by Government of Karnataka to this office for further action.

**It is therefore requested to submit the following information as sought by Government of India at the earliest.**



1. An assessment of requirement of the forest land in the districts of Chitradurga and Davanagere;
2. Undertaking that User Agency will be able to execute the project through alternative alignment avoiding forest land, if any proposal for diversion of forest land in these districts are declined under the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980; and
3. Copy of the Wildlife Mitigation Plan as approved by the Chief Wildlife Warden.

Reply to the Government of India EDS Query may be submitted through FC web portal and the hard copies of the same along with relevant documents may be submitted through Deputy Conservator of Forests, Tumkuru Division at the earliest.

FC web portal link is being transferred herewith through Chief Conservator of Forests Hassan Circle and Deputy Conservator of Forests, Tumkur Division.

Yours Faithfully

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

Copy along with copy of letter at Ref (1) to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Tumukuru Division, Tumukuru for information **and to transfer the FC web portal link to the User Agency and resubmit the reply to EDS Query along with hard copy of the documents to this office through Chief Conservator of Forests Hassan Circle immediately.**

Copy along with copy of letter at Ref (1) to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Hassan Circle, Hassan for information and **necessary action (i) to transfer the web portal link to Deputy Conservator of Forests, Tumakuru Division for forwarding to the User Agency for submission of reply to the EDS query and (ii) to submit the Mitigation Plan along with your opinion to PCCF (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Karnataka as sought by him vide letter dated 11-02-2020.**

Copy with compliments to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) and Chief Wildlife Warden, Aranya Bhavan, Bengaluru for information. **It is requested to provide a copy of the approved Mitigation Plan to this office for further submission to the Government of India.**