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Office of
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
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EDS Query
Urgent

To,

The Chief Conservator of Forests
Kanara Circle, Sirsi

Sub: Diversion of 2.632 hectare of forest land in Khurse village F.Sy No. 103, Sampakhanda Hobli, Sirsi Taluk, Uttara Kannada District (Sirsi Forest Division) for establishing Stone Quarry for exclusive use of National Highway project in favour of the M/s RNS Infrastructure Limited, Bengaluru

Proposal No. FP/KA/QRV/39019/2019

- Ref:**
1. Online submission of PART-II on 19-07-2019 by Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sirsi Division r/w online reply dated 18-03-2020 to EDS Query [Letter No. A3/GFL/Land/Khursre/CLUP/CR-13/2019-20 dated 19-07-2019 and 17-03-2020]
 2. Online submission of PART-III on 05-10-2019 by Chief Conservator of Forests, Kanara Circle r/w online reply dated 19-03-2020 to EDS Query of Nodal Officer [Letter No. B2/GFL/CR-12/2019-20 dated 04-10-2019 and 19-03-2020]
 3. This office letter of even number dated 30-11-2019 [EDS Query seeking certain clarification]

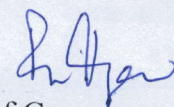
With referenced to the above subject, your reply dated 19-03-2020 [Ref-2] along with the reply dated 18-03-2020 [Ref-1] to the EDS Query raised by this office vide Ref (3) have been examined and are found to be **INCOMPLETE** in following aspects.

PART-II Item No. and Particulars	Observation / Action to be taken
Item 8(iii) Whether the forest land proposed for diversion is located within eco-sensitive zone (ESZ) of the Protected Area notified under Wildlife(Protection)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 'No' option is selected on FC web portal.• It is stated in the clarification dated 17-03-2020 of the Deputy Conservator of Forests Sirsi that the Sharavathi Valley LTM (Lion-Tailed Macaque) Sanctuary has been notified vide Government of Karnataka Notification number FEE 12 FWL 2019

<p>Act,1972 (Note: In case, ESZ of a Protected Area is not notified, then, 10kms distance from boundary of the Protected Area should be treated as ESZ)</p>	<p>dated 07-06-2019 and that the proposed area is 2.5 km away from the Sharavathi Valley LTM (Lion-Tailed Macaque) Sanctuary.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please clarify in unambiguous terms after due verification <u>whether the forest land proposed for diversion is located within eco-sensitive zone (ESZ) of Sharavathi Valley LTM (Lion-Tailed Macaque) Sanctuary or not.</u> 2. Please clarify whether the final ESZ Notification of Sharavathi Valley LTM (Lion-Tailed Macaque) Sanctuary has been notified or not. 3. Please note that, if the final ESZ notification of the new sanctuary has not been notified yet, the default 10 km radius will have to be considered for the purpose of examination of the proposal vis-à-vis the ESZ of the new PA.]
<p>Item 8(iv) Whether any national park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, elephant corridor, wildlife migration corridor etc., is located within 1 Km. from boundary of the forest land proposed for diversion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'No' option is selected on FC web portal. • It is stated in the clarification dated 17-03-2020 of the Deputy Conservator of Forests Sirsi that the proposed area is located beyond 1 km from boundary of eco-sensitive zone area. <p>Please clarify in unambiguous terms whether any national park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, elephant corridor, wildlife migration corridor, etc., is located within 1 Km. from boundary of the forest land proposed for diversion or not.</p>
<p>General observation</p>	<p>You have not provided your own opinion whether you agree with the report of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sirsi or not.</p> <p>Please provide your own remarks whether you agree with the report of Deputy Conservator of Forests and the factual position.</p>

It is instructed to submit the point-wise specific reply to above points immediately and ensure necessary corrections/ changes, if warranted, in PART-II online, verify them and resubmit online as well as in hard copy to this office.

The online link is hereby transferred to you for further transfer to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sirsi Division and resubmission after verification.



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

Copy to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sirsi Division, Sirsi for information and further action as above.

Copy to the Project Director, RNS Infrastructure Limited, Naveen Complex, 7th Floor, 14, M.G. Road, Bengaluru for information.