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## GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿ (ಅರಣ್ಯಪಡೆ ಮುಖ್ಯಸ್ಥರು) ರವರ ಕಚೇರಿ Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force)



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To,

The Chief Conservator of Forests Belagavi Circle, Belagavi

Sub: Diversion of 18.458 ha of forest land in SyNo.6, 7, 8, 205, 210 & 219 of Kallahalli, Sy No.152 of Siddapur, Sy No.13 of Ramtheertha and Sy No. 9, 25, 36 & 42 of Jamkhandi Village, JamkhandiTaluk, Bagalkot District for construction of new 110 KV D/C line in the existing 110 KV Mahalingapura to Jamkhandi S/C line corridor for a distance of 23.897 km in favour of Executive Engineer (Electrical), Major Works Division, Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL), Bagalkot.

## Proposal No. FP/KA/TRANS/16981/2015.

- **Ref:** 1. This office letter of even number dated 03-03-2022 [submitted additional information]
  - **2.** Government of Karnataka letter No FEE 13 FLL 2019 dated 20-04-2022 [submitted additional information to GOI] 17-05-2022 [communication of GOI EDS letter] and 07-06-2022 [online communication]
  - **3.** Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Bengaluru letter F.No.4-KRC1198/2019-BAN/179 dated 05-05-2022 [seeking information]

With reference to the above subject, this office vide Ref (1) submitted the additional information to Government of Karnataka for seeking 'in-principle' (Stage-I approval) under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for above mentioned proposal. Accordingly, Government of Karnataka vide Ref (2) letter dated 20-04-2022 has submitted the same to Government of India.

However, the Government of India vide Ref (3) has informed that as per the report of State government, the transmission line was constructed by User Agency from existing 220 KV Mahalingapura line to 110KV Substation at Jamakhandi during 1987 through forest area for a distance of 8.932 Kms without approval under Forest

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(Conservation) Act 1980. In view of the above, the State Government is requested to take action against the User Agency As per para 1.21 (i) (a) of the Comprehensive FC guidelines and furnish the action taken report so that the proposal can be further processed as per the clarification/guidelines issued by Ministry vide No. FC-7/43/2020-FC dated 22-03-2022 (copy enclosed).

Now, Government of Karnataka vide Ref (2) letter dated 17-05-2022 has communicated the Government of India letter and sought information.

Therefore, you are directed to submit a detailed report on the information /documents sought by Government of India to this office at the earliest for further processing the proposal. The online link is transferred to you for further transfer of the link to Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bagalkot.

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

Copy to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bagalkot Division, Bagalkot for information and necessary action as stated above. Copy of Government of India letter is enclosed.

Copy to the Executive Engineer (Electrical), Major Works Division, Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL), 1st Floor, Zonal Complex Sector No. 45, Navanagar, Bagalkot - 587 103 for information necessary action as stated above. Copy of Government of India letter is enclosed.