

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

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To
The Additional Chief Secretary (Forests)
Forest, Ecology & Environment Department,
Government of Karnataka,
Bengaluru

Sub: Proposal for seeking prior of the Central Govt. of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 8.803 ha. of forest land in F.Sy.No.52A, Arga village, Bada Hobli, Karwar taluk, Uttara Kannada District (Karwar Forest Division) for establishing stone quarry and its approach road, dumping yard in favour of M/s. Ramshree Construction Company, Kodibag, Karwar, Uttara Kannada District (Online Proposal No FP/KA/QR/31539/2018) –reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Karnataka's letter No. FEE 10 FFM 2022 (e) dated 16/04/2022 on above mentioned subject proposal, seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and submitting the additional information vide letter dated 14.05.2025. After the examination of the reply of the State Government, the following additional information is required to be submitted by the State Govt. for further necessary action in the matter:

- i. Comments of the State Government on the matter that PCCF & Nodal Officer in his report has stated that only 2Ha out of the proposed area should be used for quarrying.
- ii. The copy of the Government guidelines which state that no quarrying within 200m from NH shall be submitted.
- iii. Since NFL is also involved in the proposal, the labour shed and dumping area has been proposed over forest land. The State Govt. shall explore the possibility to relocate these activities to NFL and modified proposal may be submitted.
- iv. Justification for minimum use of forest land for approach road shall be provided.
- v. Other mining leases of stone quarrying granted in the vicinity of the project along with their KML may be submitted along with details sought in EDS no.1 of RO regarding points raised in Para 7.8 of the consolidated guidelines may be submitted by the State Government.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
(S. Sundar)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. PCCF (HoFF), Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru.
2. DDGF (C) Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bengaluru-
3. APCCF cum Nodal Officer (FCA), 1980, Forest Department, Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.