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To,

The Chief Conservator of Forests
Mangaluru Circle, Mangaluru

Sub: Diversion of 17.49 ha (*revised from 16.246 ha*) of forest land in Haladi-76, Avarshe and Heggunde and other villages in Udupi and Brahmavara Taluk of Udupi District for construction of Irrigation Main and Branch Canals under Varahi Lift Irrigation Scheme in favour of the Executive Engineer, Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Limited, No.2, Varahi Reservoir Project Division, Udupi.

Proposal No.FP/KA/IRRIG/41736/2019

- Ref:**
1. This office letter of even No dated 20-06-2022 [*submission of Additional information to GOK*]
 2. Government of Karnataka letter No FEE 87 FLL 2022 (e) dated 24-04-2023 [*forwarded the proposal to GOI*] and 15-05-2023 [*communication of GOI EDS query*]
 3. Government of India letter No.4-KRC1366/2022-BAN/291 dated 12-05-2023 [*EDS query*]

With reference to the above subject, this office vide Ref (1) has submitted the additional information to Government of Karnataka for seeking 'in-principle' (Stage-I) approval under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The Government of Karnataka vide Ref (2) letter dated 24-04-2023 has forwarded the proposal to Government of India for seeking stage-I approval.

In response, Government of India vide Ref (3) has informed that compliance report furnished by the user agency in response to point No, (iv) of this office letter dated 25-11-2022, i.e for diversion of 15.4 ha and 129.60 ha. are not complete and also not certified by the State Government. It may be noted that with respect to diversion of 15.4 ha is concerned, the identified non forest land has not been declared as RF/PF in compliance to condition No.5 of the FC approval and with respect to diversion of 129.69 ha is concerned, condition No.3 & 10 have not been complied with i.e notification of CA land as RF/PF and implementation of CAT plan.

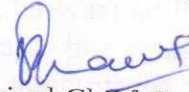
Further, it also informed that IRO Bengaluru had monitored the project related to diversion of 129.60 ha of forest land for construction of Varahi irrigation project in Dakshina Kannada during the month of September/October 2022 and based on the monitoring, certain noncompliance was communicated to State Government vide this

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office letter dated 03-02-2023 (Copy enclosed) with request to furnish the (copy enclosed) with request to furnish the compliance report. However, so far this office has not received any reply from the State Government.

In view of the above, it is requested to furnish the complete certified compliance report on the earlier FC approvals connected to Varahi lift irrigation from the State Government for further processing of the proposal.

The Government of Karnataka vide Ref (2) letter dated 15-05-2023 has communicated the same to this office. Therefore, **you are directed to submit clarification/information sought by Government of India after obtaining the same from the Deputy Conservator of Forests Kundapura Division and User Agency.** The online link is transferred to you for further transfer of the same to the User Agency through Deputy Conservator of Forests Kundapura Division.



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

Copy along with copy of Government of India letter communicated for information and necessary action to:

1. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Kundapura Division for information and necessary action as stated above.
2. The Executive Engineer, Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Limited (KNNL), No.2, Varahi Reservoir Project Division, Siddapura, Kundapura, Udupi District for information and necessary action.