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Office of the  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Forest Force)



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**EDS QUERY  
URGENT**

To,

The Chief Conservator of Forests  
Hassan Circle, Hassan

**Sub:** Diversion of 14.017 ha of forest land in SyNo.69 of Seebi village, SyNo.11 & 15 of Chikkaseebi village, SyNo.36 of SeebiAgrahara Village all in Sira Taluk and Sy.No.9, 27& 28 of Thimmarajanahalli village, TumakuruTaluk and Tumakuru District for laying new Broad Gauge Line between Tumakuru and Davnagere via Sira, Hiriyur 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 from User Agency and approved Wildlife Mitigation Plan*]
  2. Government of Karnataka letter No. FEE 08 FLL 2019 dated 12-05-2020 [*communication of GOI EDS query*]
  3. This office letter of even No. dated 20-05-2020[*communication of GOI EDS query; EDS Query dated 21-05-2020*]
  4. Your reply dated 01-06-2020

The Government of India vide Ref (1) [*copy marked to User Agency too*] had sought certain information in connection with processing of the above proposal under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. A copy of the same was once again enclosed for reference. The same was forwarded by Government of Karnataka vide Ref (2) to this office for further action and by this office vide Ref (3) to you for further transmission of Web portal link to the User Agency for enabling uploading of required information online.

Instead of obtaining necessary documents from the User Agency in respect of the Government of India queries, you have only uploaded the copy of your letter dated 11-03-



2020 addressed to Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) and Chief Wildlife Warden as the reply to the EDS query. It is highly unsatisfactory and is resulting in avoidable correspondence leading to delay in submission of reply to Government of India.

**You are therefore instructed once again 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 should be submitted through FC web portal along with the hard copies of the same (in 3 ink-signed documents) to this office at the earliest.

FC web portal link is being transferred herewith for further transmission to User Agency through Deputy Conservator of Forests, Tumakuru Division.



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

Copy to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Tumakuru Division, Tumakuru for information **and with an instruction to transfer the FC web portal link to the User Agency immediately and submit the reply to EDS Query along with hard copy of the documents to this office through Chief Conservator of Forests Hassan Circle immediately.**

Copy to the Deputy Chief Engineer, North-II (Construction), Southern-Western Railway, No.18, Millars Road, Bengaluru Cantonment, Bengaluru – 560 046 for information **and with a request to submit reply to Point No. 1 and the Undertaking sought by Government of India at Point No. 2 through FC web portal as well as in hard copy (3 ink- signed sets for this office) immediately.**

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.**