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No. 10/LND/KU/CR-02/2014-15

Dated: 05-06-2023

To,

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FC)
and Nodal Officer (FCA),
Aranya Bhavan, Malleshwaram,
Bengaluru - 560 003

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 90.04 hectare of forest land in Singanamane Minor Forest of Bhadra Tiger Reserve for establishment and development of Kuvempu University Campus for academic activities in favor of Registrar, Kuvempu University, JnanaSahyadri, Shankaraghatta, Shimoga District. Online proposal No. FP/KA/SCH/35132/2018, date:19-09-2018.

- Ref:
1. Government order No. FFD 108 FGL 76, Bangalore dt: 21-02-1979
 2. Government order No. FFD 108 FGL 76, Bangalore dt: 17-12-1981.
 3. Government order No. FFD 31 FGL 83, Bangalore dt: 11-05-1987.
 4. Ministry of Environment and Forests, New Delhi letter No.6-I/2002/WL-1, date:16-08-2002.
 5. The Deputy Commissioner, Chikkamagaluru office order No. M4/LND/CR-195/2007-08, date:26-05-2009.
 6. The Deputy Commissioner, Chikkamagaluru office order No. M4/LND/CR-195/2007-08, date:29-03-2019.
 7. This office even letter dated: 09-05-2019.
 8. The Registrar, Kuvempu University letter No. 1090/2019-20, dt: 28-05-2019.
 9. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chikkamagaluru Division Chikkamagalurletter No.B4/land/GL-159/2014-15, dt:19-08-2019.

With reference to the above subject, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bhadra Tiger Reserve, Chikkamagaluru submitted the justification received by the Registrar, Kuvempu University, JnanaSahyadri, Shankaraghatta, Shimoga District under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 vide online application No.FP/KA/SCH/35132/2018, dt: 19-09-2018 for diversion of forest land to a total extent of 90.04 hectares (222 Acres 20 Gunta) in Bhadra Tiger Reserve is forward herewith along with the copy of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bhadra Tiger Reserve, Chikkamagaluru for your further needful action. (Copy attached)

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i.	The proposal is non-site specific, in this regard the state govt. is requested to submit the justification and other alternate of the land explored.	The Govt. of Karnataka in is order No. FFD:108:FGL:76Bangalore, Dated:21:02:1979 has accorded for lease of 230 acres of minor forest land in Singanamane village for PG Center of Mysore University. Later the same land with all assets was transferred for establishment of Kuvempu University vide Karnataka state University act 1987 (Copies enclosed) The land

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		<p>leased is used for academic activities and for educational purpose extremely useful for students coming from surrounding rural area.</p> <p>During that time alternative land was searched for the establishment of Kuvempu university but proper land was not found Since the University of Mysore's Post Graduate Center was already functioning in the present land, it was considered ideal to start University. Hence Kuvempu University was established in the present land.</p> <p>For the past 30 years large number of facilities and Faculty Buildings Guest Houses, Hostels, Laboratories, Class rooms etc. have been built which can not be shifted, Therefore the chance of shifting the University elsewhere does not exist and hence this is required to be continued here only.</p>
ii.	<p>As per the PARIVESH portal the applied area of forest land is 90.04 ha of forest land. But the State Govt. has recommended an of area is 89.92 ha. in this regard the State Govt. is requested to clarify the same.</p>	<p>Originality the applied area forest land uploaded in the PARIVESH portal was 90.04 Hectares. However the Director. Bhadra Tiger Project (FC), CKM has fixed the land to 89.92 Hectares on the recommendation of the standing committee of Indian board of wild life (F.No:6-1-2002:WL-2 Dated:16-08-2002). The University is ready to accept the same and also amend in the portal if given access to the portal.</p>
iii.	<p>Complete KML file including the buildup area of the proposed forest area has not been uploaded by the State Government on the PARIVESH portal the same may be uploaded in PARIVESH portal.</p>	<p>KML file Uploaded</p>
iv.	<p>The user agency has not submitted any under taking to bear the cost of CA & NPV. In this regard the State Government is requested to submit the same.</p>	<p>The User agency has already submitted the undertaking. (copy enclosed)</p>
v.	<p>The state Govt. forwarding letter and par-V uploaded in the PARIVESH portal is not relevant to this proposal. The revised correct letter may be uploaded in PARIVESH portal.</p>	<p>-----</p>
vi.	<p>Many relevant documents uploaded in PARIVESH portal are in vernacular language (i.e. Kannada). The English version is required for analyzing the same in this Ministry. Therefore the translated copies may be submitted to this Ministry.</p>	<p>Translated document from Kannada to English uploaded (Copy enclosed)</p>
vii.	<p>The State Govt. is requested to provide the information regarding whether any court cases are pending Writ the instant proposal.</p>	<p>No curt case pending with respect to the proposal</p>

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	the names of the officials responsible for violation but the action taken report wrt officials has not been submitted. In this regard, the state government is requested to forward the Action taken report to this Ministry.	<p>1983 230 acres land of Singanamane MF was leased to Kuvempu University from 1979 to 1999 for a period of 20 years. After lease period Government got over, Government of Karnataka vide letter No. FEE-364-FGL-2002 dated 16-12-2002 directed user agency to submit proposal under FC Act for renewal of lease. Subsequently The registrar, Kuvempu University filed an interim application before the Hon'ble Supreme Court (Case No. IA No. 2707/2009) for renewal of lease and waiver of NPV and CA charges. This issue was referred to the CEC by the Hon'ble Supreme Court. The CEC in its report dated 12-09-2013 submitted to the Hon'ble Supreme Court with recommendation to be complied.</p> <p>After considering CEC report the Hon'ble Supreme Court along with other related pending IAs referred/transferred the applications to the MOEF & CC for the further consideration and decision in accordance with law. The issue was placed before the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC), the issue was discussed in the meetings on 15-06-2017 and 26-04-2018. The Forest Advisory Committee on 26-04-2018 recommended for renewal of the lease with conditions. In this process of correspondence the entire proposal was delayed for lease renewal/FC clearance for almost 15 years in various levels.</p> <p>In the meanwhile university authorities has developed various infrastructure facilities to accommodate students and improve facilities like hostels, laboratory, quarters, etc., under the directions and approvals of state/Central Government and statutory bodies of the University. In 2018 another fresh online application was applied by User agency for the approval under FC act.</p> <p>Further action taken against the persons involved for violations during the process has not been reported.</p>
ix.	The FRA certificate submitted by the State Govt. is not as per prescribed format mentioned comprehensive guideline issued by this Ministry.	The FRA certificate is already submitted as per prescribed format issued by the Ministry (Copy enclosed)
x	The State Government has not submitted the CB analysis report. The same may be forwarded to this Ministry.	CB analysis report-enclosed.

Yours Faithfully,


 Chief Conservator of Forests,
 Chikkamagaluru Circle,
 Chikkamagaluru.

Copy to the Deputy Conservator of Forests and Director, Bhadra Tiger Reserve, Chikkamagaluru for information.


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