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To

The Chief Conservator of Forests Belagavi Circle, Belagavi

Sub: Diversion of 0.96 hectare forest land in Akkatangirahal, Rajanakatti and Khangaon Villages, Gokak Taluk, Belagavi District (Ghataprabha Forest Division) for laying of underground pipeline under Godachinmalki Lift Irrigation Scheme (LIS), Stage-II in favour of the Executive Engineer, Karnataka Neeravari Nigama Limited (KNNL), GRBCC Division No. 3, Gokak, Belagavi District.

## Proposal No. FP/KA/IRRIG/47729/2020 [FORM A]

Ref:

- 1. Online submission of PART-II on 04-03-2022 by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Belagavi Division [Site Inspection Report dated 02-03-2022]
- Online submission of PART-II on 08-06-2022 by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ghataprabha Division, Gokak [Site Inspection Report dated 18-12-2021]
- 3. Online submission of PART-III by the Chief Conservator of Forests, Belagavi Circle, Belagavi to Nodal Officer on 27-06-2022 [letter No. A7/LND/LIS/Stage-II/BGM/CR- /2021-22 dated 29-03-2022]

With reference to above subject, the online proposal (PART-I, II & III) received by this office on 27-06-2022 vide Ref (1) to (3) above and the hard copies of the proposal have been examined and found to be incomplete in the following aspect.

The Deputy Conservator of Forests Belagavi Division, vide Ref (1) Site Inspection letter dated 02-03-2022 stated that the User Agency/Contractor has violated Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 with Excavation of trenches for laying pipeline illegally in 2020. Hence, the concerned beat guard has booked FIR under Karnataka Forest Act 1963 Rule 24 (g) & (gg). In the meantime, The Deputy Conservator of Forests Ghataprabha Division, Gokak, vide Ref (2) letter dated 18-12-2021 stated that the User Agency had carried out the work with installing pipes in 2020 without obtain prior approval under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

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However, in your letter vide Ref (3) you have **recommended the proposal** without any specific opinion/remarks on violation of provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Therefore, you are directed to verify the status of FIR booked against user agency and whether concerned authority had taken any necessary action against user Agency for violating Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and submit the factual report with specific remarks to this office at the earliest for further processing the proposal.

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

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